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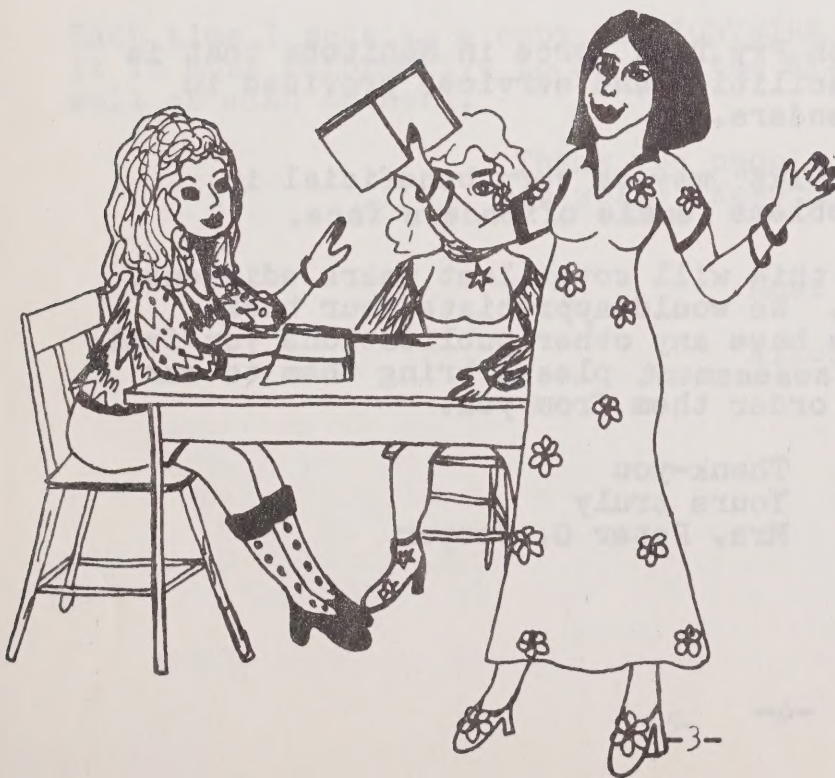
SHORT STORY***FEATURES****COMEDY*** make sure your work is original.

Welcome Penny, Edna.

Far out, we finally made it to have more than two inmates working on the paper..... What we need now is space... You will enjoy working here. It is a challenging job. You will find yourself in front of a brick wall at times; but we will overcome and one day we inmates will have rights. It is by pushing, critisizing and writing about the system that reform will come.

It is through your words that the public will get to know the reality of incarceration. Nancy is back, she is one of the pioneers of Tightwire. I'm looking forward to some of your spicy articles Nancy; bring them plenty!!! You are welcome to work with us at any time.

M. Frederica Martin



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Ladies,

Just got through reading the Jan-Feb. issue of TIGHTWIRE. Congratulations on the great job you are doing. Your articles are to the point, varied and well written. Also enjoyed your poetry section.

Perhaps an introduction is in order: My name is Ted R. Houser and I'm a white male, 38 years young, 6 feet 220lbs. with brown hair and brown mustache. I'm doing nine years at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary for violation of the Hobbs Act. (interference with interstate commerce)

I have done just over a year on my sentence and have been filling my time by writing short stories and poetry. Some of my poems have been published in the Island Lantern (our prison magazine) and I will try to secure a copy to send along with this letter. Also, I will send copies of several of my poems that you may wish to print in your magazine.

At present I am enrolled in college classes three nights per week and work five days a week in the Industries Business Office. That, plus my writing, takes up nearly all of my time—however—if you ladies wish to correspond I will do my best to answer your letters.

Again, let me express my admiration for your thought provoking editorials and presentations. Keep up the good work.

Hope you enjoy the poetry Ladies,

Ted R. Houser
McNeil Island
Steilacoom, Wash.

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a member of the Elizabeth Fry Task Force in Manitoba that is currently looking into the facilities and services provided in this province for Female Offenders.

We feel your newspaper "TIGHTWIRE" may be very beneficial in assisting us assessing the problems female offenders face.

I am enclosing \$4.00. I hope this will cover last years editions, as well as, the current year. We would appreciate your back copies for our study. If you have any other publications you feel may assist us in our current assessment, please bring them to our attention and we will gladly order them from you.

Thank-you
Yours truly
Mrs. Peter G. Cooper

Dear Editor!

I had the chance to read your Jan-Feb. 1977 Tightwire which I found interesting. I'd like to congratulate D. F. Martin and helpers for the work of Tightwire, it's great work, and i'm looking forward to read it again in the near future. I'm also serving time in Dorchester and to top it off, I've been in "seg." for fifteen months (model inmate)! I'm also writing to send you a poem for your Tightwire. Take care and the best of luck with Tightwire.

Keep on keeping on!

Bert Janvier
Dorchester Pen

Dear Sisters:

Received your long awaited March-April, 1977 newsy and very informative "TIGHTWIRE."

Thank you for the complimentary copy of Women's Pen.

I know of a young woman who would share your poems with you, hers are of a prison experience.

I do enjoy your journal and I certainly share your journal with varied people I know.

I do hope that "Women's Pen" will be a continuing journal of writing by women about their experiences.

Liked the cartoon clip (by Denis Kitchen) on page 19 (first cartoon strip) HOW TRUE THIS IS.

Also liked the article on Page 30 (Sympathy for ex-policeman???)

I'm totally in agreement that the everyday citizen should awaken to the reality of the police force and its non-justice and its POWER TRIPPING.

Each time I receive a copy of TIGHTWIRE I can not put it down as it is most informative to me and the articles are eye openers as well as mind openers.

Thank you people for getting it together
so well. Keep on doing it.

Most Sincerely,

Nicolina Franco.

Hi Tightwire,

This is my second paper from Canada and each time I enjoy it more. A friend turned me on to it, seems he has a friend who writes to him and sends him a paper, by reading your paper I can say you girls have a lot of talent behind them walls. For four years now I've been locked up, and never once thought of women in these hell holes, why I don't know. One thing I know is that you have the same problems as us men. It seems to me that you are allowed to write what you want. I think some of your poetry is out of sight. This prison that I am in now, is min custody and no walls. It's a lot different from some of the other one's. Most of the men here are on their way out, so this is like a release center. They have quite a few trades here. Right now I am on the dairy milking cows, very time consuming, but it pays pretty good. I don't know if you get any news from California or not but our system is changing fast there is always some rumors coming out it keeps you hoping and looking for something to happen. Come this July there will be a change in the sentencing law which will see hundreds of men getting out, who should have already been out. The new bill is called S B - 42 maybe you have heard of it? I know I am going out soon, but I would be glad to write to any person who would like to have someone to write to. I know how it is, I never got much mail, but I did not get bitter. I guess thats the way people are. When a little trouble comes down on you. The friends you thought you had soon forget, but you just keep on stepping because you know there will be a better day. Things are different for an ex-con now then it was maybe ten years ago. There is help now for the person who wants to make it outside. I do hope thats the same in Canada. I would like to know how your system works there. Do you have parole boards? or is it called something else? How do they sentence you there, and whats the average there. What are some of the trades you have?

Here in the U.S.A. we have many nationalities here in prison, so I just wonder if its the same there. Me being a black man. Are there many blacks in prison. There is plenty here for sure. When I leave here I will order a paper from you. I would like to keep up with whats happening there. I know I will not ever be back behind walls again. I would appreciate it if you would give my name and address to anyone who would like to write, and receive letters. I would be glad to answer. Send a picture if they want, also I can send a copy of our prison paper, might like. Here is my number and address.

Freddie Turner B-54199
P.O. Box 600
West Dorm 2180
Chino, Calif. 91710

I will also write from outside. I am 39yrs old and 5' 8" 150lbs. Very friendly with everybody. I'm a "Pieces" I hope you don't mind this letter from me, I like how you run your paper. Keep up the good work. I do hope to hear from someone, I've been in four yrs and I know what it is to look for a letter. Well Carolyn (Tightwire) I guess I will sign off for now. So "right on" to all the people in this struggle take care,
P.S. the last paper I read you said you had the Platters there is that the singing group from the U.S.A.

Dear Editor;

Thought I'd drop you a line about your newspaper. Here I am in my cell and it is 11:00 bells and lock-up once again.

The other day Rick R. laid about six copies of "Tightwire" on me and said it was good reading. So last night and to-night I went through all six copies and I was very impressed with your paper. Maybe you could give a helping hand to our editor as he just started working on our paper and you seem to know what you are doing. Your layout is good, your stories are as Rick says, "fine reading". I would start reading and could not put your paper down. Your poetry section is very well put to-gether, "Hypocrite" by Beda Berndtson, was very much the truth (Jan - Feb. 1977). The only copy I did not read was July as I am a Cancer and wanted to see what the stars had to say. I am going to Beaver Creek next week and I will send whatever coin it costs for future issues.

So keep up the good work and smile. Perhaps you would like a contribution, one poem, original.

P.S. 73 days and I am out !

Wayne leTourneau.

Peace be with you.
Your friend in clouds and
light.

Tightwire;

Just a few quick lines to say I read a newsletter yesterday from your institution. I found a lot of topics which interested me as I also am an inmate. Even though I am a guy I can understand your views ! Let's just say that the administration leaves a lot to be desired !

If there are any girls in there who wish to have some one to write and confide in please let them know that they are welcome to write. I would like to correspond with someone regular

Finally, let me say I like your paper and hope to read them more often in the future.

Good luck girls.

P.S

What was that article
about? ("Milking A Cow").

Wally Barry
Dorchester Pen.

HELPLESS BEHIND BARS

With prisons like the death chambers we operate in Canada, who needs capital punishment?

Last December, five prisoners died in a fire at the Stratford Jail. The cellblock was understaffed by guards at the time of the fire; the guards couldn't get the keys to unlock all the cells; flammable mattresses had been stacked in a corridor of the cellblock; local firemen weren't familiar with the jail's floorplan.

Stupid carelessness.

And now, in another province, 20 men have perished in another jail. A fire department report recommended four years ago that the St. John, N.B., City Jail be equipped with a sprinkler system. It wasn't done. And, again, there were problems with keys and locks. Twenty men died, for such offences as drinking under age. In Saskatchewan, at least one prisoner has been killed and 24 others taken to hospital after a hostage-taking incident at the Prince Albert provincial jail.

Where will it end?

When we put a man behind bars, we do it for one of a number of reasons: to "rehabilitate" him, to punish him, to deter others from crime or, simply, to get the poor devil off the street. We are acting, we tell ourselves, in the interest of the public good. Well, we certainly aren't acting in the interest of the prisoner's good; that's plain enough.

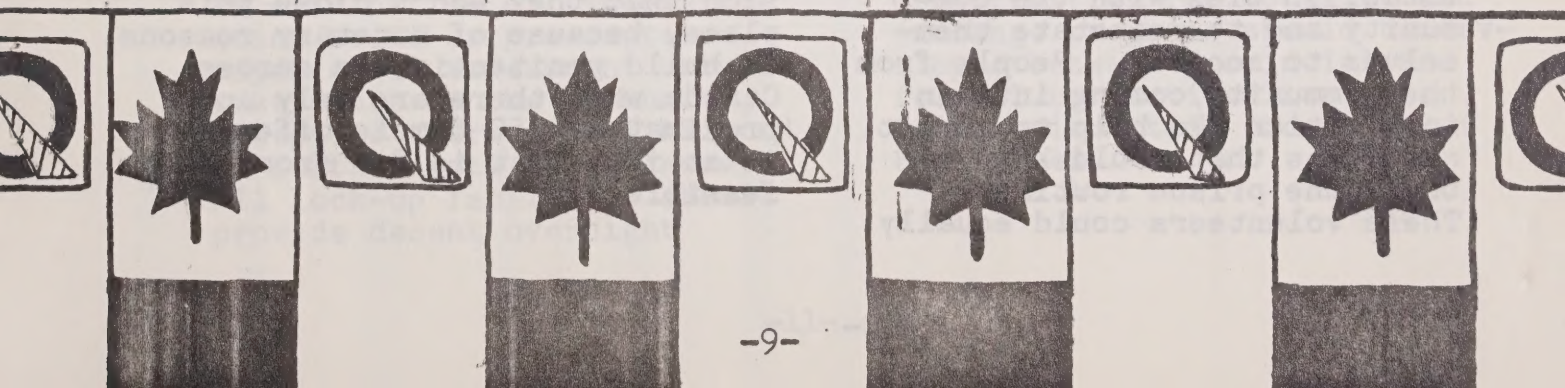
Prisoners can't protect themselves from fire; they can't protect themselves from brutal or abusive guards; they can't protect themselves from other prisoners. They are helpless, because we make them so. We strip them of almost all their legal and social rights — rights which it may legitimately be argued they themselves have forfeited. But should we not at the very least assume responsibility for protecting their physical wellbeing? We should, but we don't. We send sex offenders to serve their sentences alongside other criminals who we know will beat sex offenders and probably kill them. We allow prisons to be understaffed by incompetent guards although we know that poor, overworked guards are a major cause of prison riots. We build huge, dank, fortress like prisons although we know that such institutions are unmanageable. We send unconscionable numbers of men and women to jail for such offences as alcohol violations, contempt of court, prostitution, cannibal possession. These people don't belong behind bars. Overcrowded prisons are explosive prisons — we know that too. We know so very much, and yet do so very little. We can hold inquest after inquest and inquiry after inquiry but until we begin acting upon sensible recommendations (such as those made in the aftermath of the Stratford fire) and until we stop treating prisoners as though they were nothing more than animals — until then, we'll just be sifting through corpses. And telling ourselves it's in the public good.

Taken from: Globe and Mail, June 24/77.

OUR CANADIAN EQUALITY

I've just turned off the C.B.C news,
After listening to the various views.
And obviously things aren't going the best,
With our bilingual, metric, and racial unrest.
But lets study that problem way over east,
Involving the French-to say the least.
As a fellow Canadian, I can appreciate,
Why some folks say we have racial hate.
Oh, I know this can't happen in our land,
Where we've always professed an equal stand.
But the truth is finally beginning to show.
And the problem is ours-as the whole world knows.
Well now, I'm just like all of you,
And it's hard to guess just what to do.
For if the french should 'ere succeed,
There'll be some red faces----yes indeed.
After all we've said in the past,
And terrible Americans and their negro outcasts.
We are the first to stand, and others blame,
So self-righteous, yet all the same.....
It just seems a little ironic to me,
That our French are asking for equality.
Our foolish prejudice has always been there,
While all the time we claimed to be fair.
But we've all said " Chink " and " Hunkie ", Frog' and Wop'.....
Now that's the truth--admit it or not...
And colored was used as a public word,
But " Nigger " to friends, if no one heard.
That stings, I'll betcha, quite a bit,
Though lets quit acting like a hypodrite.
For all you know---and so do I,
Its time we looked each other in the eye.
We didn't impress anyone-never fear,
When we made the Indian "equal enough" to drink beer.
Our good name will be tough to preserve,
If we supress the French on a Quebec reserve.
So now our prejudice is exposed at home,
And not confined to the States alone.
Well I think its just about time,
We quit condemning those friends "across the line".
If this don't sound like a patriotic boost,
Just remember, " Our birdie has finally - come home to roost-"...

Bud Deal



REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON THE FEMALE OFFENDER

Chairperson: Donna Clark
Committee Members: Ethel Allardice, Margaret Benson, Phyllis Haslam, Maryrose Lette, Judge Sandra E. Oxner, David Blake secretary.

The National Advisory Committee on the Female Offender was appointed by the Solicitor General of Canada in September 1974, with the following terms of reference.

"To study the needs of federal female offenders, and to make specific recommendations to the Commissioner of Penitentiaries and the Executive Director of the National Parole Service regarding the development of a comprehensive plan to provide adequate institutional and community services appropriate to her unique program and security needs."

In brief I will explain the recommendation.

Recommendation # 1.3.5.6.

These recommendations deal particularly with the participation of the citizens in the system. Here at the Prison for Women this participation is almost non-existent, we have the E. Fry members only and at the last meeting there was only one present. A citizens committee that would come regularly would permit the inmates to establish ties with the community and to reinstate themselves to society. People from the community coming into an institution can help to inject new ideas that would help to break the prison routine. These volunteers could equally

provide programs that would be directed towards the individuals needs.

Recommendation # 2.26

"Immediate action should be taken to transfer the seriously mentally ill to menatal hospitals." For many years each inmate committee that has existed in this institution have discussed this point frequently, and nothing valuable is done about that subject, there are amongst the inmates those that are very sick and potentially dangerous.

Recommendation # 4

"Immediate action should be initiated affecting the transfer of federal female offenders to provincial institutions." This does not happen frequently here, and it is the provincial institutions that refuse us. It is only in the province of Quebec that transfers are accepted easily. There are many women who would like to return to their own provinces especially the ones from the west coast.

Recommendation # 7

"The National Advisory Committee on the Female Offender strongly recommends the Prison of Women should be closed, and that this should be done as soon as possible, at the latest within three years." I really have the impression that they won't close this place, because of monetary reasons. To build penitentiaries across Canada when there are only approximately 150 female offenders is an idea that is far from being feasible.

Recommendation # 8, 9, 10, 11

"Joint federal-provincial planning should be undertaken. They recommend that the federal government convene a meeting of the appropriate federal and provincial correctional authorities for the purpose of drawing a common definition of adequate standards for programs and administration. Such standards would apply to the following institutional services:

- a) institutional facilities
- b) staff c) programs
- d) treatment e) services.

It is recommended that a National Advisory Council on the Female Offender be established."

Additional Recommendations

Prior to and at arrest; # 1 - 9

"Greater emphasis needs to be placed on the early detection of children facing problems which may contribute to delinquency. More pre-trial diversionary programs should be instituted on an experimental basis with full evaluation.

Alternatives to formal court advisory hearings for minor offences should be investigated. Attention should be paid to women at the time of their arrest to assure them that, if necessary, arrangements will be made to see their children are cared for. Only female personnel should search women, internal searches should be carried out by medically trained personnel only. An examination of fitness to stand trial or pre-sentence psychiatric assessment should take place in the community, except if there is a likelihood of further acts of violence. All lock-up facilities should provide decent overnight

accommodation. Women should always be attended by female staff. There should be medical and social personnel on call for police departments. People retained on remand should be housed separately from convicted offenders. A system of coordinating documentation on an offender should be developed to ensure information is integrated and passed on with an offender as she moves through the criminal justice system."

Court # 10 - 16

"The clerk of the court should not be a member of the police force. An accused charged with an indictable offence should always be represented by counsel, unless the accused has declined counsel. An interpreter should always be available if the accused has difficulty with the language spoken in court. All criminal matters should be brought to trial within three months from the laying of information. Time spent incarcerated prior to disposition of the case should be counted as part of the time served."

Staffing # 17 - 21

"Women, should be recruited to all levels of the criminal justice system. In the selection of a police officer, special attention should be given to the assessment of the applicant's ability to handle constructively, hostility, authority and stress." Continuing education programs for judges should be encouraged to aid in uniformity of sentencing. Opportunities for mobility and exchange programs should be developed between provincial and federal correctional services. Institution staff should be of both sexes.

"Any revision of the Criminal Code should be related to a sound philosophical base, and should not be based on an emotional reaction to a crisis situation. The Criminal Code should be amended to include more alternative sanctions to incarceration. All mandatory minimum terms should be removed from the imprisonment sanctions of the Criminal Code. The Federal Prisons and Reformatories Act should be revised to eliminate all provisions that discriminates on the basis of sex or religion."

Institutions # 26 - 31

"Mentally ill persons should be located in provincial psychiatric settings within their home province. An accused charged with possession of drugs, who is primarily an addict, should be directed to a community-based resource rather than to prison. Only the dangerous, serious disruptive or escape-risk type of offender requires a secure prison setting."

Statistics # 32, 33

"Attempts should be made to increase the coverage of the national criminal justice statistics to provide equivalent data for females as is currently available for males. There have been severe shortcomings encountered with statistics presently available on females within the criminal justice system."

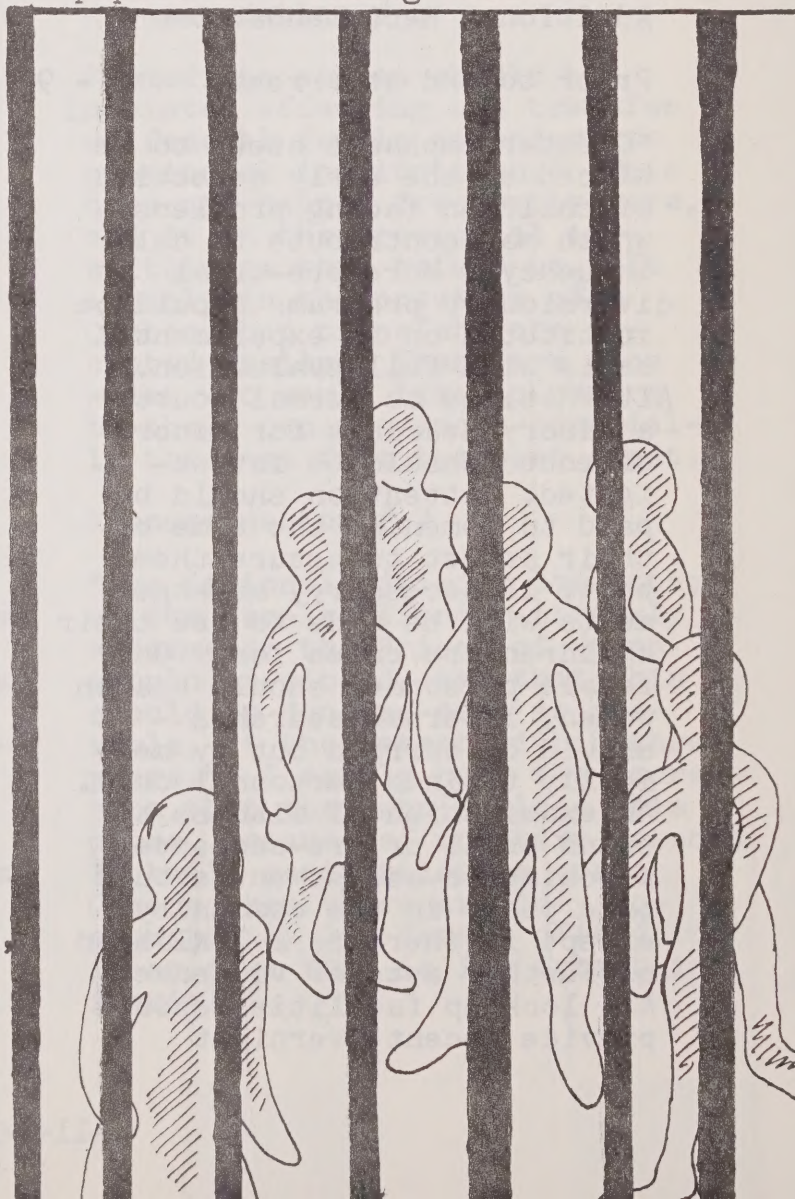
Community # 34 - 36

"Offenders requiring supportive, but not secure facilities, should be directed to a variety of community-based facilities."

Contact should be established with unions employers, and government services to promote better adjustment to the labor market for the female offender and ex-offender in terms of opportunities for today's women."

You will notice, as I do that all these recommendations are very positive and appropriate. Will the federal government and the penal system turn their attention to this report? Will they do as they have done with the report of Ingar Hansen on the abolishment of segregation?

It is time for changes.... Will this report become like many others.... old records.... old papers in a filing cabinet....?



RAPPORT DU COMITE CONSULTATIF NATIONAL SUR LA FEMME DELINQUANTE.

Présidente Donna Clark

Membres du comité: Ethel Allardice, Margaret Benson, Phyllis Haslam, Maryrose Lette, Le Jege Sandra E Oxner et David Blake secretaire.

Le Comité consultatif national sur la femme délinquante a été institué en septembre 1974 par le Solliciteur général du Canada qui lui a confié le mandat suivant:

"Etudier les besoins des femmes délinquantes sous la responsabilité du gouvernement fédéral, et présenter au Commissaires des pénitenciers et au Directeur executif du Service national des libérations conditionnelles des recommandations précises dans le but de dispenser aux délinquantes des services carcéraux et communautaires adéquats, adaptés à leurs besoins particuliers en matière de programmes et de sécurité".

En bref j'explique les recommandations.

Les recommandations # 1.3.5.6. Traitent tout particulièrement de la participation des citoyens. Ici elle est presque inexistante, nous avons les membres du E. Fry seulement et la dernière reunion il n'y avait qu'un seul membre present. Un comité de citoyens qui viendrait régulièrement permettrait aux détenues d'établir des liens avec la communauté et de se réintégrer à la société. Ces gens pourraient apporter des idées nouvelles, ce qui aiderait à briser la routine carcérale. Ces bénévoles entre autres pourraient également fournir des programmes qui

seraient dirigés vers les besoins des individus.

Recommandations #2. et 26

Les détenues gravement malades mentalement doivent être immédiatement transférées dans des établissements psychiatriques. (Depuis plusieurs années chaque comité des détenues qui a existé a discuté de ce point fréquemment; et rien n'a été fait à ce sujet; il y a présentement parmi nous des détenues qui sont gravement malades et dangeureuses.

Recommandation # 4

Le gouvernement fédéral devrait prendre des mesures immédiates en ce qui concerne les transferts dans des établissements provinciaux des détenues qui sont sous la responsabilité du gouvernement fédéral. (Ceci n'est pas en marche ici et c'est du coté provincial qu'on les refuse, il n'y a qu'au Quebec ou l'on accepte facilement les transferts. Il y a beaucoup de femmes qui desirent retourner dans leurs propres provinces spécialement celles de l'Ouest.)

Recommandation # 7

Le Comité consultatif national sur la femme délinquante recommande fortement la fermeture de la Prison des Femmes dans les plus brefs delais et au plus tard d'ici trois ans.

(J'ai vraiment l'impression qu'on ne fermera pas ici, pour raison monétaire, construire de nouveaux pénitenciers pour femmes, alors qu'il y a seulement environs 150 détenues fédérales aux Canada, c'est une idée qui est loin d'être en marche.)

Recommandation # 8. 9. 10. 11.

Discute d'une planification conjointe fédérale-provinciale. Ils recommandent que le gouvernement fédéral convoque à une réunion les autorités correctionnelles fédérales et provinciales dans le but de parvenir à une définition commune des normes satisfaisantes pour les programmes et l'administration. Ces normes se rapporteraient aux services suivant:

- a) installations b) personnel
- c) programme d) traitement
- e) services.

Ils recommandent la création d'un conseil national consultatif de planification en matière de détention des femmes.

Autres recommandations

Avant et au moment de l'arrestation # 1 a 9

"Vise les méthodes preventives, c'est à dire attacher plus d'importance au dépistage précoce chez les enfants des problèmes susceptibles d'amener à la delinquance.

Developper des programmes de dejudiciarisation avant procès.

Etudier des solutions de remplacement du processus accusatoire officiel en cas de délit mineur.

Au moment de l'arrestation des femmes, s'assurer que des dispositions ont été prises en ce qui concerne la garde de leurs enfants.

Seul le personnel féminin devrait être autorisé à effectuer des fouilles sur les femmes. Les examens internes ne devraient être effectués que par du personnel médical qualifié. L'examen de l'aptitude à subir le procès devrait être fait dans la communauté, sauf si un nouvel acte de violence est à

craindre. Les installations de détention devraient dispenser de locaux décentes pour la nuit. Les femmes devraient être toujours sous la garde de personnel féminin. Le service de police devrait bénéficier, sur demande, des services de médecins et de travailleurs sociaux. Les prévenues devraient être logées séparément des condamnés.

Mettre sur pied un système de coordination des dossiers pour que les renseignements accompagnent les détenues tout au long du processus de justice pénale."

Devant les tribunaux # 10 a 16

"Le greffier du tribunal ne devrait pas être membre du service de police.

Tous les tribunaux devraient s'adjoindre une aide judiciaire, et toute personne accusée devrait être représentée par un avocat à moins qu'elle ne refuse ce droit. Un interprète devrait toujours être disponible quand l'accusée ne peut s'exprimer dans la langue parlée au tribunal.

Toutes les affaires criminelles devraient être entendues dans un délai de trois mois à compter du moment de la déposition de l'inculpation.

Compter comme temps purgé la période d'incarcération qui précède le jugement."

DOTATION DU PERSONNEL # 17 a 21

"Des femmes devraient être recrutées à tous les échelons du système de justice pénale. Lors de la sélection des agents de police, il faudrait évaluer avec soin l'aptitude des candidats. Encourager la mise sur pied de programmes de formation permanente pour les juges afin d'assurer l'uniformité des sentences.

Les services correctionnels provinciaux et fédéraux devraient élaborer conjointement des possibilités de mutation de personnel et des programmes d'échange. Le personnel des établissements

devrait être des deux sexes."

LOI # 22 a 25

"Toute revision du Code criminel devrait être fondée sur des principes de base solides, et non sur une réaction émotive à des situations de crise.

Amender le Code criminel afin de prévoir d'autres sanctions que l'incarcération. Les durées minimales obligatoires que comprennent les peines de prison prévues dans le Code criminel devraient être abolies.

Reviser la loi sur les prisons et les maisons de correction afin d'éliminer toute discrimination."

ETABLISSEMENTS # 26 a 31

"Les délinquantes souffrant de troubles mentaux devraient être placés dans des centres psychiatriques. Une toxicomane accusée, devrait être dirigée vers un centre communautaire spécialisé plutôt que vers une prison.

Seule la délinquante dangereuse, très violente ou susceptible de s'évader doit être incarcérée dans un établissement sécuritaire."

STATISTIQUES # 32 a 33

"Développer les statistiques nationales sur la justice pénale afin de fournir pour les femmes les mêmes données que pour les hommes. On décèle de graves lacunes dans les statistiques actuelles sur les femmes.

SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES # 34 a 36

"Les délinquantes qui ont besoin d'aide mais pas nécessairement de mesures sécuritaires devraient être placées dans des centres communautaires. Affecter plus de crédit au programmes communautaires qu'à la détention. Des contacts doivent être établis avec les syndicats, les employeurs et les services gouvernementaux afin de promouvoir une meilleure adaptation de la délinquante et de l'ex-délinquante au marché du travail."

Vous remarquerez comme moi que toutes ces recommandations sont très positives et appropriées. Le gouvernement fédéral et le système pénal s'en occuperont-ils?

Feront ils comme ils ont fait du rapport Ingar Hansen sur l'abolition de la ségrégation???

Il est grand temps, pour des changements. Ce rapport deviendra-t-il comme tant d'autres de la papperasse dans une filière.....

by D. F. Martin



VULTURES OF INJUSTICE

by Ted Houser

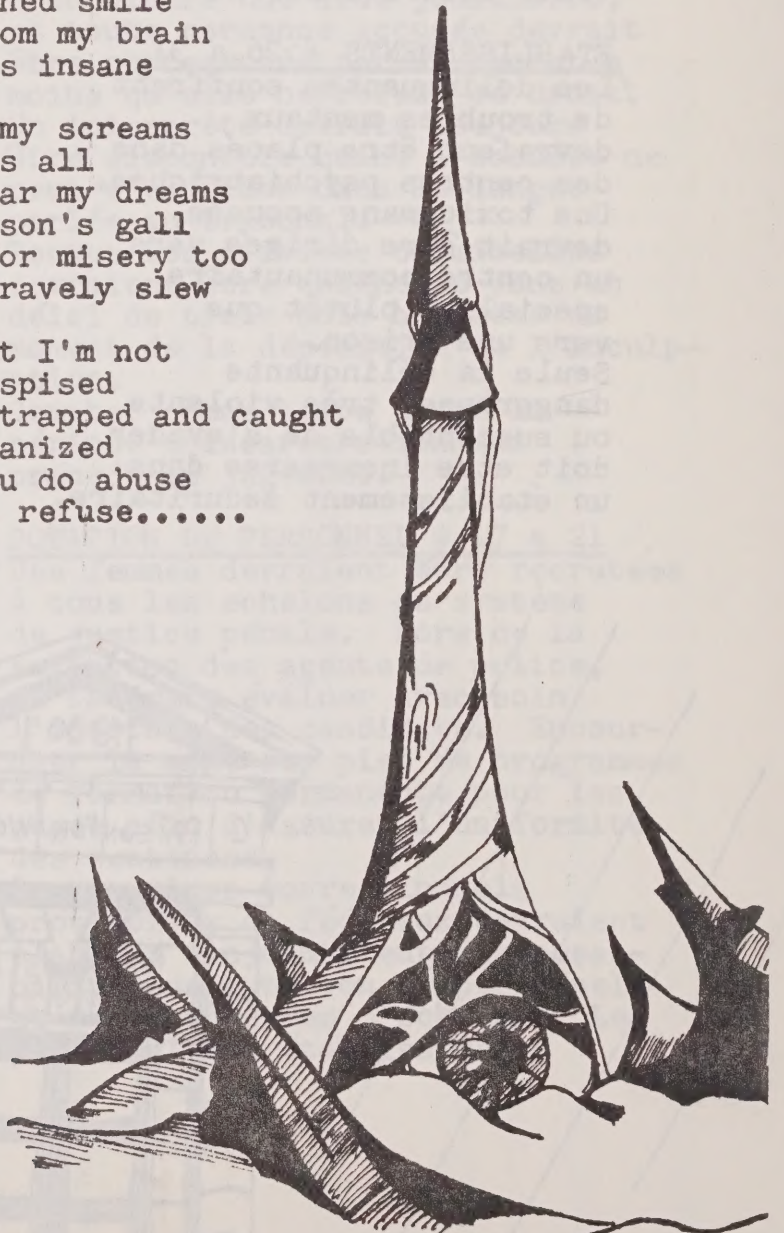
You sit upon the eagle's nest
Pretended noble bird of prey
And spew your wrath and beat your chest
But you feed only on decay
And flap your vulture wings in fear
If honesty should venture near

With vines of law my hands you've bound
And helpless now I sit and wait
My weakest spots you've sought and found
And probed them all with spears of hate
And any thoughts I had of right
You have expunged with all your might

You have me thrust into this pit
Of vipers, beasts and all things vile
To watch me turn on prison's spit
In rhythm to your poisoned smile
And innocence brakes from my brain
To be replaced by things insane

So torture me and hear my screams
You sadist sons of hades all
Flay my thoughts and sear my dreams
And make me feed on prison's gall
And slake your thirst for misery too
With all my hopes you bravely slew

You seek to make me what I'm not
An evil thing be all despised
A vicious beast that's trapped and caught
A fiendish ghoul, dehumanized
And though my rights you do abuse
To be like you—I still refuse.....



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" COME BEFORE WINTER "

There was a man who cared and loved this beautiful woman, she had come to him while he was at the very end of all possible strength. He was a broken man, tired of life, and had no will to go on, but this woman took him in, and through tenderness and compassion, nursed him back to health. He said; When I wrote her I knew there could be beauty and purity in this woman, like the purity you sometime see in the sky at night. When he took her letters and held them, all fears and doubt went out of his life. When she showed him she cared. He believed in God. And he was glad to work for her until he died, in order to get her everything out of life that she wanted. But ten times he tried, and ten times he failed to make her understand, that his love had no limits. Finally he was caught up in the evil of a corrupted sustem, and was put in prison to be executed. But even if he should be spared, he was very tired and would not last long anyways. After being in prison for awhile, he asked himself; how many friends do I have? How many do I have who will keep on loving me and never let me down no matter what happens? How many will come before winter? He wrote two letters to this beautiful woman, they were kind and gentle and loving letters. Above all, he longed to see her, He wrote; do your best to come and see me. It is cold and dreary in this cell. He asked that she bring an old coat that he had left, to pick it up on the way and bring it. The hours go by slowly he said; so if you will; bring me some books too; he ended the letter with three words, " Come Before Winter ", why before winter? Because when winter comes, it would be to late to enjoy the books or coat. It had to be before winter, or never! There are two versions to what this beautiful Queen did. One was; that she droppeded everything and went to him, on the other hand; she may have been busy? There are many things that a woman needs to attend to, and many times they are important! She might have said; I'll clear up these pressing items first, then as soon as spring comes and the weather is nice, I'll go and spend some time with him. (if that's the course she took). So when spring came she rushed to the prison; but when she asked for him, " the guard said "? Why.... they executed him three months ago! Everytime I turned the key in his door, he asked; Is she here? Did my friend come? So I led him out that morning to be executed, This young man looked down the road and said to me; My friend never showed up. Yet in her letters she would always say; Whenever you need me I'll be there. But still, she never came! The other version was; She came before winter, and walked close by his side down the prison corridor, the last morning of his life she cared enough to come before winter! Because she felt in her heart that anytime later would have been to late. How many friends does a man have in his time of need? Who will come regardless of what? Who will bring an old coat for small comfort or a few books for the lonely? Who will stand by him to the utmost and to the end? How many will walk close by his side on the last morning of his life, when fear is his next of kin? How many will come before winter? " ONLY WINTER KNOWS ".

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Ronald Sier

-17- McAlester, Oklahoma. ★

INTERVIEW AT P.4.W. WITH MAYOR KEN KEYES.....

Tightwire How long have you been in office?

Mayor Keyes I have been in office since January the first 1977, as Mayor of the city of Kingston and prior to that time I have been an Alderman in the city for the past twelve years, I was elected in 1964.

Tightwire What position were you in as regards the community before you came into office?

Mayor Keyes In addition to my role as Alderman in the city and that of Mayor I am also the principal of an Elementary School and I have been for the last twenty-nine years, in the Kingston region and for the last three years I have been in the city of Kingston.

Tightwire How do you perceive your role in the office?

Mayor Keyes I take a close interest in the life of the community and that is why I became an Alderman and later on the Mayor of Kingston. A person should not stay in public office perhaps too long, and I felt that after twelve years as an Alderman if I was to seek the Mayor's chair it had to be done. I have an arrangement so that I am fulfilling the role of Mayor in a half time capacity and also that of a school principal. I consider myself a link between the resident of the community and the administration of city hall. The Mayor's office is always open to the general public, they have a right to come and see the Mayor and express their concern to him, i.e. this morning two young chaps who have been unemployed for eight or nine months decided to come to the Mayor's office and talk about the fact that they could not get a job in the city and if I could be of any assistance to them, they particularly wanted to work in the city's public works department. I feel that for many years the citizens have not felt that free to come and sit down at the Mayor's office and say "hey look Mr. Mayor I want a job". I've tried to look at my role in several ways, a liaison between anyone in the community and city hall administration, trying to observe the concerns of the citizens and see if I can transmit their concerns into any kind of action that improves their lot in life and also I look at it as an initiator of action within the community.

Tightwire What are your major concerns as Mayor?

Mayor Keyes My concerns as mayor of course as far as looking at the entire city - we continue to keep Kingston a great

attraction for people from the stand-point of tourism and a place to live. I am concerned about Kingston becoming a great large city, I am not an anti-growth mayor but I could be almost classed as such; I do not believe that all growth is good growth. Just to get bigger doesn't make things better, we are a fine size of only sixty thousand people - I shudder to think of us becoming a quarter million in population. You lose the sense of community and the sense of friendliness. I am also concerned about employment. The O.H.I.P. will provide 900 jobs for girls in clerical work. There is sailing and for people who are interested in cultural activities, a lot of live theatre, we have a great symphony orchestra a choral society. We have adequate housing for our people of all categories economically, high class residential housing right next to the penitentiary. My concern is to be sure that we can still contain a sense of community, that we can be friendly back and forth with all segments of the community.

Tightwire Do you feel that you represent the citizens well?

Mayor Keyes As far as representing the citizens- I hope that I am representing them well. There has been a recent garbage strike and some people have been very critical, the news media in particular, but I felt that I was representing the interests of the citizens, because we have had a situation, in my personal opinion, where there has been excessive staff doing work, being paid forty hours a week and doing twenty, and thats been going on for forty years, I said that I would not tolerate this so I had to suffer a strike and I have been able to get a reduction of one third of the staff and this will mean a saving of a hundred thousand dollars a year. I think that is my role to try and look at economies where they can be done and not hurt the service or the public.

Tightwire We would like to know what you think about having the only Federal Prison for Women in Canada situated in Kingston?

Mayor Keyes I am very pleased to have the only prison here I think because after all the history of Kingston, our whole heritage amounts to about three things, one the military, two the University and three the Penitentiaries. They draw the greatest amount of attraction to our city. People have read some stories of famous and infamous people who have been in the pens, and they like to drive by and have a quiet thought. In history there have been a few infamous people here in this institution, also a curiosity kind of thing. I do think however that

one Federal Prison for women in Canada is not really an appropriate way to deal with the female offender. It dislodges them from their community, there is no reason why there can't be negotiations worked out with the provincial institutions

Tightwire In your eyes since you represent the citizens do you think the community sees a difference between male and female inmates (offenders)?

Mayor Keyes I think that the community does see a difference between male and female inmates. I suppose that it depends upon the age level and the person that you talk to. I do not believe there is the harshness of feeling towards the female inmates as against the male. As we look back over the history of the city there have been very few women who have escaped and there is the fear amongst residents of people who have been locked behind bars, and that if they get out this will render them dangerous. I do not take this attitude. I do not feel that if they got out they would even want to hang around. As far as the residents, there are probably many residents who are very harsh in their feelings towards female offenders, from the standpoint that they know that they are in here basically for prostitution or drug abuse, (possession or trafficking). They feel that those girls should have been in better control of themselves so as not to become involved in this. People will look on drugs as being one of the symbols of the deterioration of society. It might be easier if the Federal Prison did not exist, and the women were in their own provinces, it could be easier for them to get back into society.

Tightwire How do you feel about women serving their day parole and mandatory parole in Kingston rather than going back to their home towns?

Mayor Keyes I have said that if there is any trouble as regards the community (mainly from the male offender) it is not through the reception center but through the temporary absence and the day parole. There seemed to be a need for greater scrutiny as it has been proven (talking of the male offender) that some people do get into mischief on their day parole and T.A.'s. With women, in general it is whether or not they should serve their parole in their own community or be able to go to an entirely different community.

Tightwire What is the attitude of the citizens towards this? Do you get any repercussions?

Mayor Keyes The male inmates have their families move into the city and then when the male gets out the family does

not wish to move as they have established their roots here and what effect does this have on our city from the standpoint of welfare and additional crime? I think that the majority of girls should have the choice to go back to their own communities for their parole, back to their families etc: Hopefully not to rejoin the friends who may have been involved in the initial trouble, though I am sure that the person wishing to get completely reinstated will not get into further trouble.

Tightwire In the Whig Standard of Sept. 28th 1976, Mayor Speal who was in office before you, "described the local prison as a hotel in operation and charged that too many convicts are allowed to roam the streets of Kingston: He also said that he had no sympathy for the manner in which the prisons are being administrated. Do you feel the same way? comment:

Mayor Keyes The past Mayor was very strongly against the penitentiary system, though I wonder if he really believed that or he said it because that is what he believed the people really wanted to hear. I do think he was perhaps referring to some of the male institutions rather than your own because I have been in here, for the last fifteen years, playing good old Saint Nick. For nine years, I did summer variety shows for six weeks in the summer, with students from the university. I never considered this institution to have any of the aspects of a hotel I think that the accomodations are meagre, and I am sure that they fulfill the basic requirements only. But I do believe there is a need for a closer look at the administration of the penitentiary's in this area and across Canada. I think that we do need to have a closer scrutiny of the people who go out.

Tightwire Does the Kingston police and the R.C.M.P. keep in close contact with your office about the whereabouts of the inmates?

Mayor Keyes Your asking as to wether there is a close tie with my own office. personally, so far, I have not been aware of any of the inmates who are on day parole passes. I do understand that I could easily find out who they are, because there is close contact between the pen, authorities and the police and the R.C.M.P. They keep posted on the bulletin board those people who are on temporary absences and they become familar with the faces in case of any trouble on the streets.

Tightwire We have only one half-way house sponsored by the E. Fry Society, which has a yearly grant from the Federal government and that is not sufficient.

Mayor Keyes You do have one half-way house and I would be interested to know of any of the problems you experience in the half-way house. There was some concern expressed by some of the citizens when they went to locate a half-way house but the fact that it was never publicized where the house was located I don't believe it ever became a problem because even today I could not give you the address of it. I have never had any communication with regard to problems related to the operation of that house, and that speaks well for those girls who live there, and I credit the E. Fry who help to sponsor it.

Tightwire We would like to develop public relations with the community. How do you see the community helping us? Would it be possible for the city to sponsor such houses?

Mayor Keyes With regards to the city sponsoring a house, at the moment I have to be somewhat hesitant I can't see the city sponsoring this type of thing. Another reason is that there is a very small percent of inmates who are residents of Kingston. This narrows the responsibility of the city for sponsoring a house. I think that the city could still make an appeal knowing we have you as residents in our city, in essence. Probably the appeal could get more support for half-way housing. Though it should go to the proper level, the Federal Government.

Tightwire The financial situation of Day Parolees is very limited, because of this lack of funds at times it leads parolees into further outbursts with the law. We feel that there should be more city social groups involved, and that we should have a citizens committee coming into the institution for more contact. comment:

Mayor Keyes The girls do not have much opportunity when they go out. They do not have long enough to become involved in any type of work to provide them with any money, and this is why the girls probably get involved with the law again ie. shoplifting for some of the necessities that they want. E. Fry always had the right to come into the prison and there maybe many others but, there is always that hidden barrier as well as a visible barrier. Perhaps through the University and community colleges there could be many interested. Everyone hesitates to interfere because I think there has been a lot of bad publicity about the social do-gooders, who want to do something - attitudes on both sides -

inmates who feel that these people are only being nosy, and there can be a lot of rebuff from this. A problem in the people themselves is a fear to some extent of the inmates. About the citizens committee, would you want a mixed committee? For better public relations between the local citizens and the inmates, and understanding.

Tightwire We feel that there should be more volunteer services by the citizens. That way the inmate would get closer to a normal environment and could prepare her way out gradually with friends and support for when she is outside. Women that are allowed to go out on regular T.A.'s but are not on day parole are interested in doing volunteer work ie. social work, (with children, mentally ill, old people, juvenile delinquents) The value of this is reintegration into society and that would give them a chance to find a job later on.

Mayor Keyes There is a necessity for a build up of trust on both sides. I am sure many of the girls have a great amount of talents and could be of good service to the community, working in some voluntary capacity helping out for example in our schools, where sometimes with 30 - 40 students a few need extra schooling to keep up with the rest of the class. Also extra tuitioning of languages and physical education. Possibly a couple of hours of one's T.A. could be spent on a regular basis, of course under strict screening, and working; for example in my school the inmate would be under my supervision. There is bound to be a kick-back from some of the parents, who would have fears of a female offender being in charge of their children. It would be necessary to say you were part of a volunteer group coming from the community, rather than inmates of a penitentiary. There is always a necessity for volunteers. I suppose the senior citizens might be a hard group to get to. Working through social development (Mrs. M. Freedman) from inside the institution, I am sure you could express the desire to do some volunteer work on T.A.'s. On the outside working for the Board of Education is Shirley Marshall (community program co-ordinator) who is always looking for volunteer workers. Anyway there is lots of talent, some of our smartest people are in institutions.

Ken Keyes

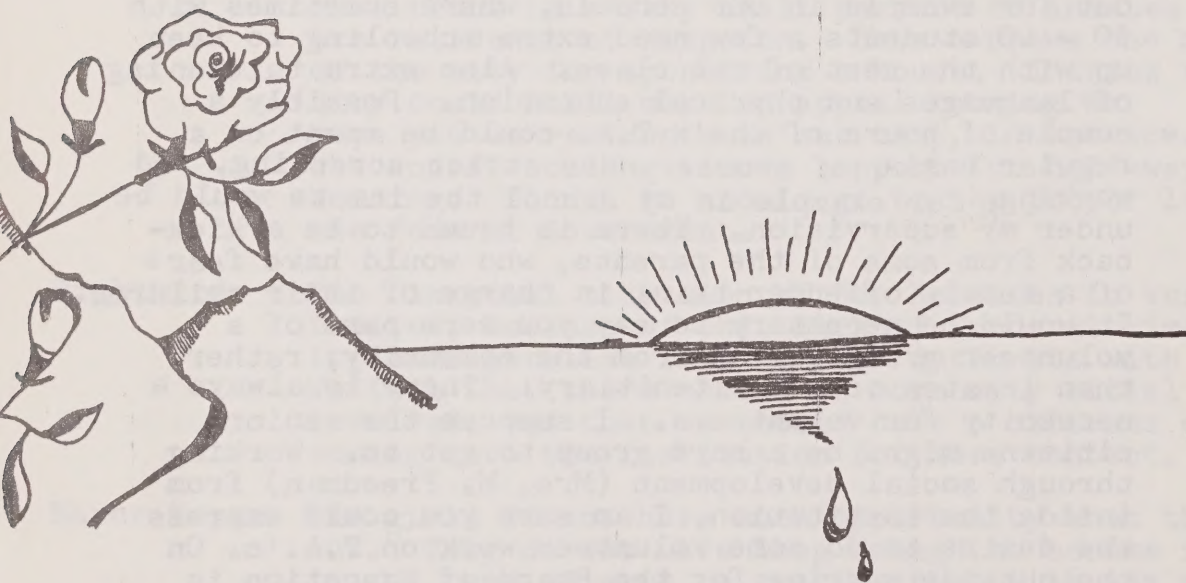
Loneliness takes minutes of my life,
as if it means nothing where my life is for.
Time pressures, time goes and I'm running,
falling down and getting up once more.

It's just like the sun with it's golden rays,
leaving me behind with its warmth that
remains an echo.
My body still blooms in this cold rain,
as if it hopes, as if it knows.

I strive for times that will be better.
Searching you, I walk the same way again,
but in the end I will get there,
Filled with love's sweet pain.

The night hurts me because of the loneliness
But I pray and I fight, 'till I'm out of
the night.
I struggle through the abyss, of the dark emptiness
To find myself back again in the daylight

by Maria Huisman.



LIFE IS A RISKY BUSINESS

by Terri Leclair

It is a cloudy Sunday morning and most of Kingston's prison for women population is still sleeping. Everything is very still and hauntingly quiet except for the correctional officers speaking in hushed tones at the end of the range. I never sleep in and this morning was no exception - I got out of bed, made myself a coffee and treated myself to the listening pleasure of Mantovani on my tape deck. The sheer bliss and peacefulness of it all has granted my mind a state of tranquility, and I am taking these peaceful moments to do a little research on me as a person in the past, and as a person in the now. I have been doing some soul searching to be sure sincerity is what lies in my heart and I have also consulted my emotions to be sure they are "tuned into" each other. I have also stood outside of myself and tried to visualize how others see me as an individual - I hope others see me as I feel, because I feel adequately confident in the knowledge that a positive force is working within me; a force that is creating sincerity, consideration, patience and the acting out of a responsible person. In the following pages I'd like to relay to you how I went about finding myself and what facts I had to accept in order to overcome the hurdles that kept tripping me up. Life is a risky business, and in order to properly challenge it we have to accept the responsibility of our acts and face situations realistically - the following is some of the conclusions I drew that

enabled me to accept who and what I was, and of course why I was, and of course why I was, as I was.

For the past sixteen years I have had many encounters with prisons, (as an inmate) and I'd like to say that during those sixteen years I have experienced a great deal of mental pain and emotional turmoil, because I refused to face realities or accept responsibilities and without facing or accepting, one cannot expect to handle the risky business of living.

During my encounters with the prison system I have talked with and been counselled by psychiatrists, psychologists, classification officers, correctional officers and fellow inmates. While conversing with these people, who were sincerely trying to aim me in the proper direction, I was forever searching for the advice that was precise and exactly properly blended for me. I didn't like to have to struggle too hard to reach the end of my goals. Needless to say I wasn't overly anxious about having to go too far out of my way to acquire the goals I had set my sights on either. Nor did I want to take "healthy" risks or take on too much responsibility. If I did take too big a risk or take on too much responsibility and failed in doing so, I usually had an "out" - it was someone else's fault!

Does this way of reimbursing oneself for not being able to accept the responsibility of their acts sound oddly familiar? No doubt it does, because we are all guilty to a certain extent of harbouring this flaw in our

personalities. We like to "pass the buck" and we often fail miserably when it comes to facing up to the realities of our faults.

I myself "was" a prime example in failing to assume the responsibility of my acts. I hated to be made aware that possibly I too was in the wrong when a conflict arose. Even if I didn't voice my aggitated feelings, my heart and mind nearly drove me insane blaming the "other guy"

I have also found that during the upheavals of the past sixteen years I always set my sights in a positive direction, but always failed to reach my appointed goal. I often became very frustrated and terribly anxious because "what the hell was the matter with everybody - I could make it out there if people would just quit screwing me up!" Hmm yes, I couldn't see the forest for the trees.

Its just been these last seven months that I have really developed a new thought process. I was very bitter and the rage that burned within me was like an untreatable cancerous growth, because I had had to forfeit my day parole and return to the prison. My attitude was one of a deep seeded hate, a hate for me and my failures, and a hate for all those creeps that were responsible for my coming back here. It was hard for me to visualize how I allowed myself to get so emotionally antagonized, that I ended up right from where I had started. I didn't like to think that I might be to blame as well as "those other

people". I didn't relish the fact that I had been unsuccessful again and most of all I didn't like facing the fact that the time had come to take a deeper look at the inner me - what deep seeded problems had I been overlooking? I dug out and analyzed every conceivable part of the "inner me" - I left nothing unturned, and believe me I had one hell of a time getting things sorted out, and put into their proper perspective.

I now realize though, that life is a risky business- to survive I must face reality, I must make decisions and I must be prepared to take the consequences of any bad decisions I may make. I must learn to be responsible, to rely on my own resources, and stand on my own two feet. I have come to realize that my life involves constant awareness and consistent decision making, the taking of risks and the suffering of any mistakes I make. How I bare the consequences of "any" decision I make is where its at. I can crawl off in some corner and feel sorry for myself, I can react in an enraged manner, I can choose to ignore the situation and hopefully "it" will go away, or I can quietly take and analize the situation and try to come up with a better answer. I find I have been practicing the latter.

I have also been learning that I must never become totally dependent on another person and expect or allow them to solve my problem and take the responsibility for them. I myself, must take total responsibility for "all" of my behavior (good or bad) and I must be fully aware that I have to make my own decisions, solve my own problems, and take risks to survive.

Yes, life is definately a risky

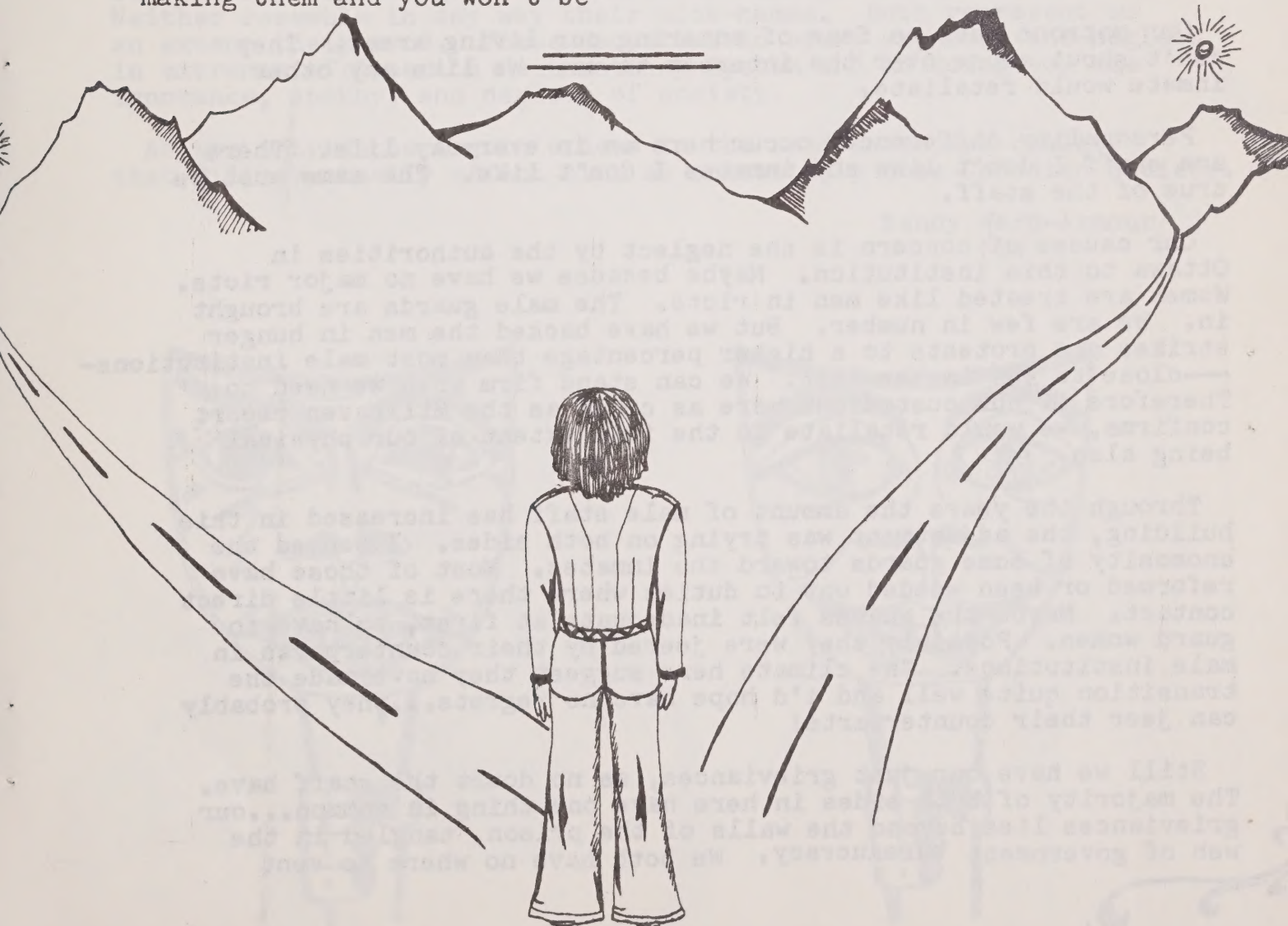
business - it doesn't matter who you are or what walk of life you are from. If you fail to recognize your faults and continue to shirk your responsibilities and remain blind to realities then your going to be continually groping and stumbling. The truth of the matter will forever evade you.

So take the time to look at "you" - turn yourself inside out if the need warrents it - it'll hurt and there will be things you really don't care to know about "you" but the end results are worth it. Why? Because even if you continue to make mistakes, (we all do) you won't be blind to the fact you are making them and you won't be

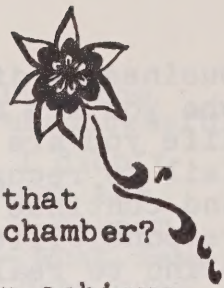
blind as to the reason or to the reasoning of such a mistake either.

After consulting and getting to know the "inner you", you'll be in a better position to accept the responsibility that goes with any type of decision you may make, whether it be good or bad or indifferent.

Half the battle of living is being able to look life square in the face and knowing who you are, why you are, and what you are. It is in "knowing" and in "being in touch" with oneself that reality and responsibility will not evade you, and you'll be able to handle the risky business of living!



MILLHAVEN GUARDS SHOULD TAKE EXAMPLE FROM P4W



How can a modern prison with the facilities to offer that Millhaven has achieve the horrors of a Chilean torture chamber?

How can the archaic, facility-lacking prison for women achieve the easy-going stride it does?

It may well be the "familiarity" we have built up through the years between inmate and custodial officer. P4W does not run all that smoothly. We have our incidents, ironies, apathy and conflict. We are a prison and as such we are being punished not reformed, nothing alters that fact.

But we are maybe unique in that the majority of staff and inmate alike hold little hostility toward one another. We can laugh and joke with each other. Custodial know us on a first name basis. We usually refer to them by last name or first, whichever the situation calls for. They (The custodial officer) re-act quite like mothers to children. A fact the majority of us do not like as we are women, but I believe it is an unconscious role a guardian assumes.

Our matrons have no fear of entering our living areas. They don't shout abuse over the intercom to us. We like any other inmate would retaliate.

Personality differences occur here as in everyday life. There are staff I don't like and inmates I don't like. The same must be true of the staff.

Our causes of concern is the neglect by the authorities in Ottawa to this institution. Maybe because we have no major riots. Women are treated like men in riots. The male guards are brought in. We are few in number. But we have backed the men in hunger strikes and protests to a higher percentage than most male institutions—close to 98% in the last. We can stand firm when we need to. Therefore if our custodians were as cruel as the Millhaven report confirms, we would retaliate to the full extent of our physical being also.

Through the years the amount of male staff has increased in this building, the adjustment was trying on both sides. I sensed the anomosity of some guards toward the inmates. Most of those have reformed or been weeded out to duties where there is little direct contact. Maybe the guards felt inadequate at first, to have to guard women. Possibly they were jeered by their counterparts in male institutions. The climate here suggest they have made the transition quite well and i'd hope have no regrets...they probably can jeer their counterparts!

Still we have our just grieviances, as no doubt the staff have. The majority of both sides in here have one thing in common...our grieviances lies beyond the walls of the prison, tangled in the web of government bureaucracy. We both have no where to vent

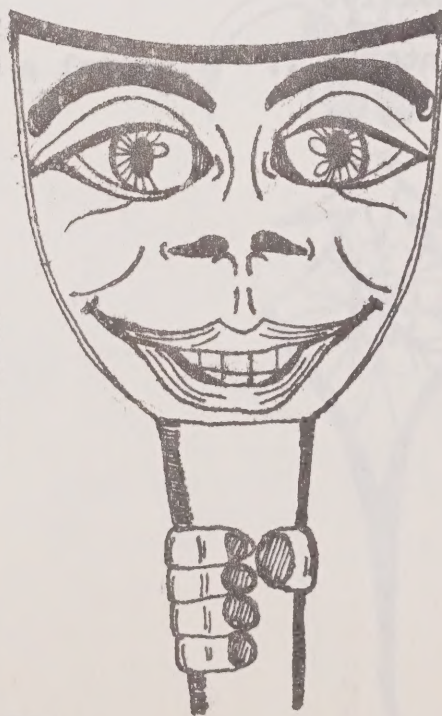
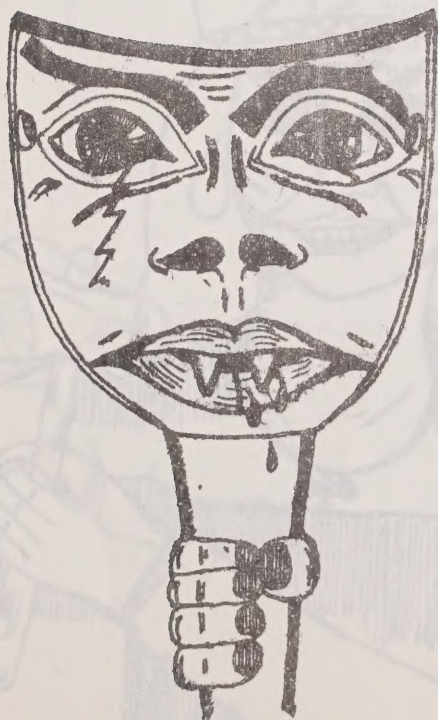
frustrations but in here. We turn to our keepers and snarl, they, in their frustration, believe us to be too demanding and "ungrateful", the little remarks slip out, "you never had it so good on the street". This makes both sides the other parties whipping boy, I think I can say it is the same in any top-heavy bureaucracy.

I wonder what our Warden, Mr. Chinnery would do if he had the reign of power in here we assume he has? I mean if he was touched by a fairy god-mother from Ottawa and told, "Doug, for once in the history of P4W we will allocate you the funds to revamp your prison and provide what you think necessary to the betterment of both inmate and staff, including salary, working hours, job conditions, and trades, schooling, living quarters, programs and recreation. Also passes, T.A.'s and goodtime; parole, annexes and halfway houses." The latter two, something the women have not recieved from the federal goverment. I forgot my pet peeve...a Psychiatric Hospital such as Twin Oakes for women.

The men at Millhaven have christened the place "DACHOA" since it's bloody beginnings. This place was dubbed "Petty-coat Palace". Neither resemble in any way their nick-names. Both represent to an extent their mood. These opposites in every way show the neglect in extremes of Canada's Penitentiary System and in doing so, the ignorance, apathy, and neglect of society.

As the ostrich buries it's head in the sand to escape reality that will eventually effect him, so unknowingly does Canadian Society.

Nancy Ward-Armour
P4W



WARRIOR

Warrior in your wandering
You have not lived as yet.
For there are other ways of life,
Than what you only know.

I know the way,-
I have walked the same hard road...
I have stumbled, once faltered...
many times.....

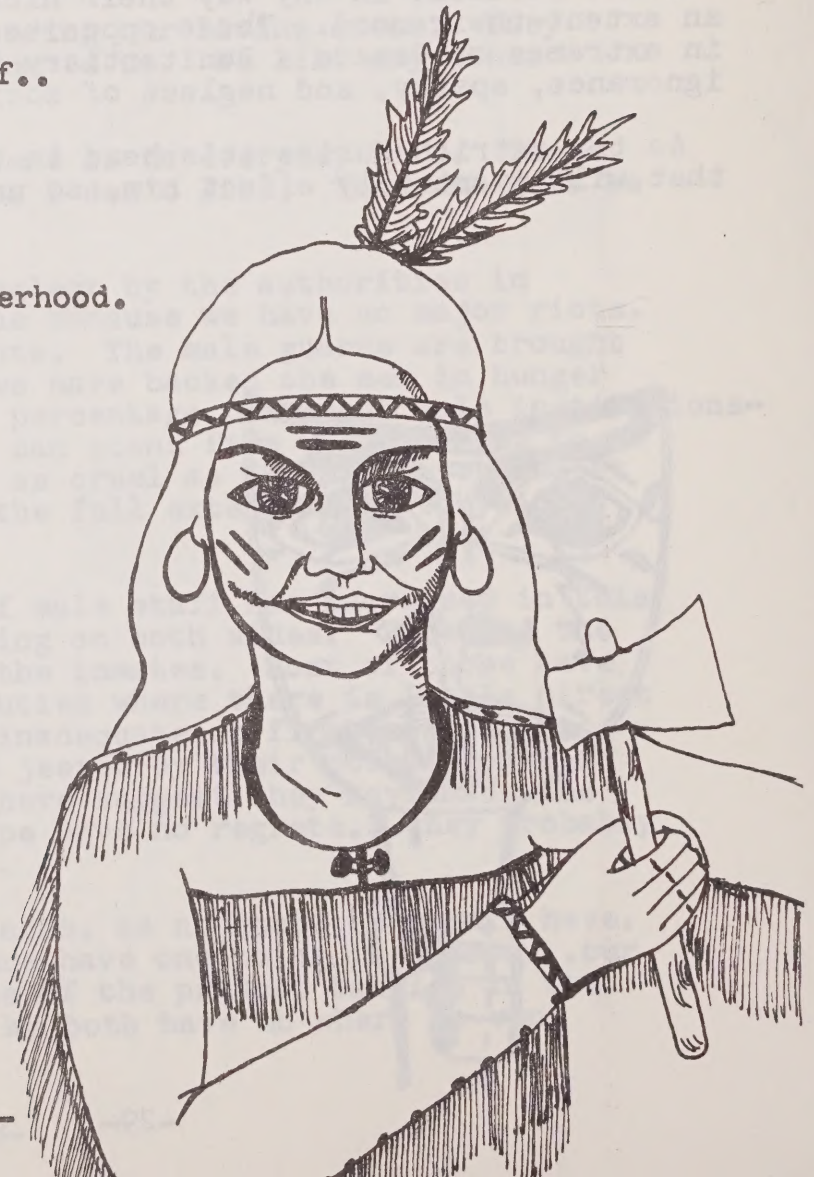
We were like strangers,
meeting often long hard journeys,
and yet we've sat before,

and spoke of many things,
I have watched you translate to others...,
It's been a lonely, lonely road,
and you are coming home -

Warrior in your wandering,
you will find one day,
What you search for...
Cry no tears for yourself..
but for others...

You are warrior...
You are indian...
We are proud...

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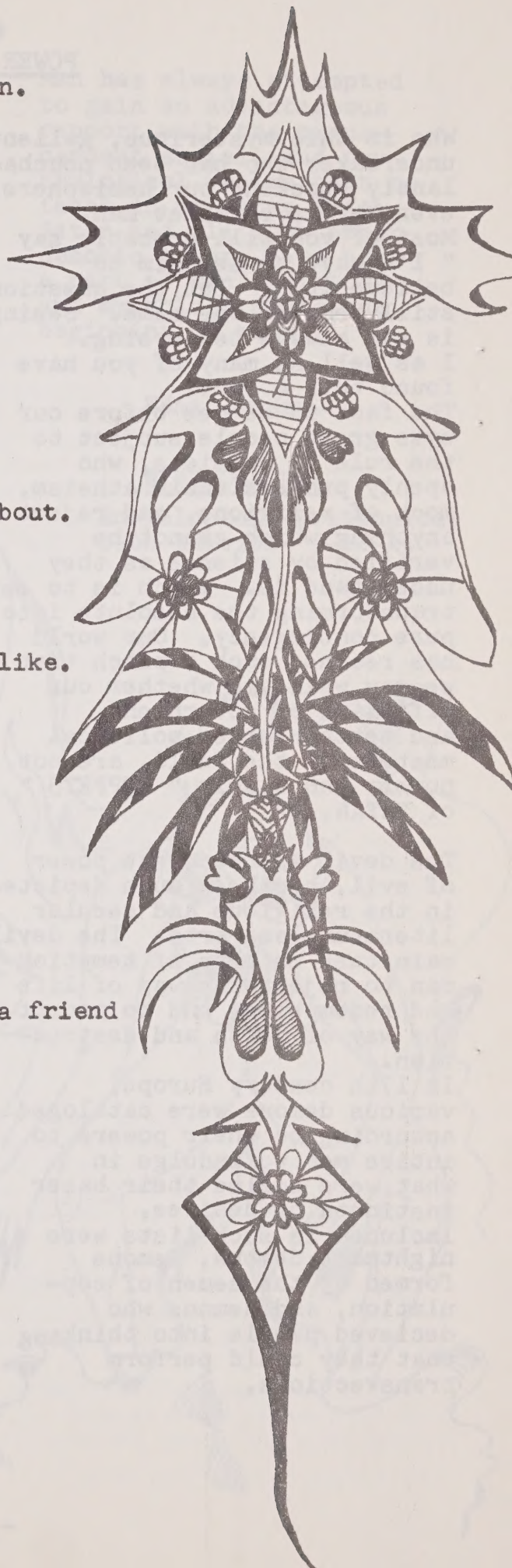
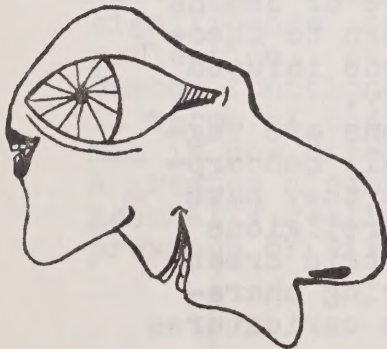
You may say
it's unnatural
to think of such
things
Satan the devil
possessor of souls
possessor with wings.

From deep
dark corners
he'll come sleezing
out
you won't know
what hit you
mindless, on a roundabout.

He'll tease you
and squeeze you
with such delight
please every organ
if that's what you'd like.

Forever he'll
keep you
on one "HELL"
of a trip
higher than highest
in his commanding
firm grip.

Keep your mind
open
let your soul out
for free
for he'll be as good a friend
to you
as you will to he.



POWER OF EVIL

Who is this mysterious, gallent, undertaker who has been nonchalantly stocking our hemisphere even before earliest man.

Most of you will probably say " I'd have to see him to believe it ". But the question still remains the same. Seeing is not always believeing.

I as well as many of you have found this a fact.

The fact is we see before our eyes great people subject to the rule of atheists, who openly profess their atheism, mock of religions, and reject anything which cannot be verified by science as they understand it. Which is to say transforming the absolute into pure contingency. Our world has reached such a pitch that we may well ask whether our officials of government, and certain other political masters of the world, are not purely and simply " PUPPETS " of SATAN.

The devil as the great power of evil, has been much depicted in the religious and secular literature and arts. The devils main task is that of tempting man to reject the way of life and redemption, and to accept the way of death and destruction.

In 17th century Europe, various demons were cataloged according to their powers to intice men to indulge in what were called their baser instincts or desires.

Included in such lists were nightmare demons, demons formed by the semen of copulation, and demons who decieved people into thinking that they could perform transvections.

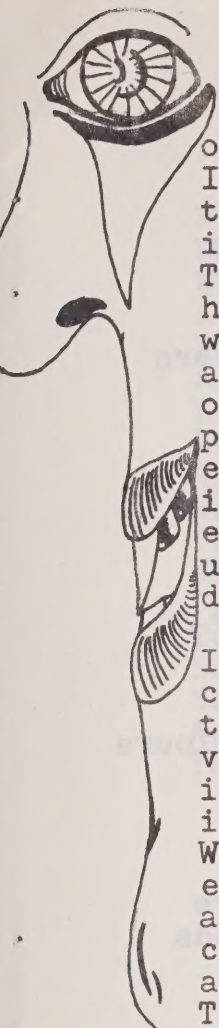
According to some authorities in the alleged demons noted by the prevailing religions of the world are the former gods or spiritual beings that succumbed to, or were overpowered by the dominant doctrinal views of a conquering people.

Thus, the Teutonic, Slavic, Celtic, or Roman either were reduced to demonic antagonists of Christ, his saints, or his angels, or were absorbed by the cults of christian saint figures. Followers of the ancient but no longer influential deities were often subjected to persecution as advocates of witchcraft, especially in Christian Europe.

Besides tempting men to sin, demons were believed to cause various types of calamities, both natural and accidental. Like the demons and evil spirits of nature in primitive religions, the fallen angels (demons) were viewed as the agents of famine, disease, war earthquakes, accidental deaths and various mental or emotional disorders. Persons afflicted with mental diseases were considered to be "DEMON POSSESSED".

Though the function of Demon-ic figures is of major significance, the nature of demons has been of concern to theologians and persons infused with popular piety.

Like angels, demons are regarded as spiritual, noncorporeal beings, but they have been depicted in religious iconography as hybrid creatures with horrifying characteristics, or as caricatures



of idols of an opposing religion. In the early church, for example, there was a belief that pagan idols were inhabited by demons. The horrifying aspects of demons have been represented in the woodcuts of medieval and reformation artists and in the masks of shamans, medicine men, and priests of primitive religions—either to frighten the believer into behaving according to accepted norms or to ward off ritualistically the power of the demonic forces.

In the common faith of the Gentile churches after the Apostolic age the influence of polytheism survived in the belief in the domination of demons, from which Christ is the redeemer.

While Christ's first advent delivered believers from Satan's bondage, his overthrow would be completed only by the second advent.

The belief in Satan appears in fantastic forms in Gnosticism. The fathers traced false doctrine as well as evil practices to Satan. In Irenaeus emerges the strange doctrine that the death of Christ was a ransom paid to the Devil.

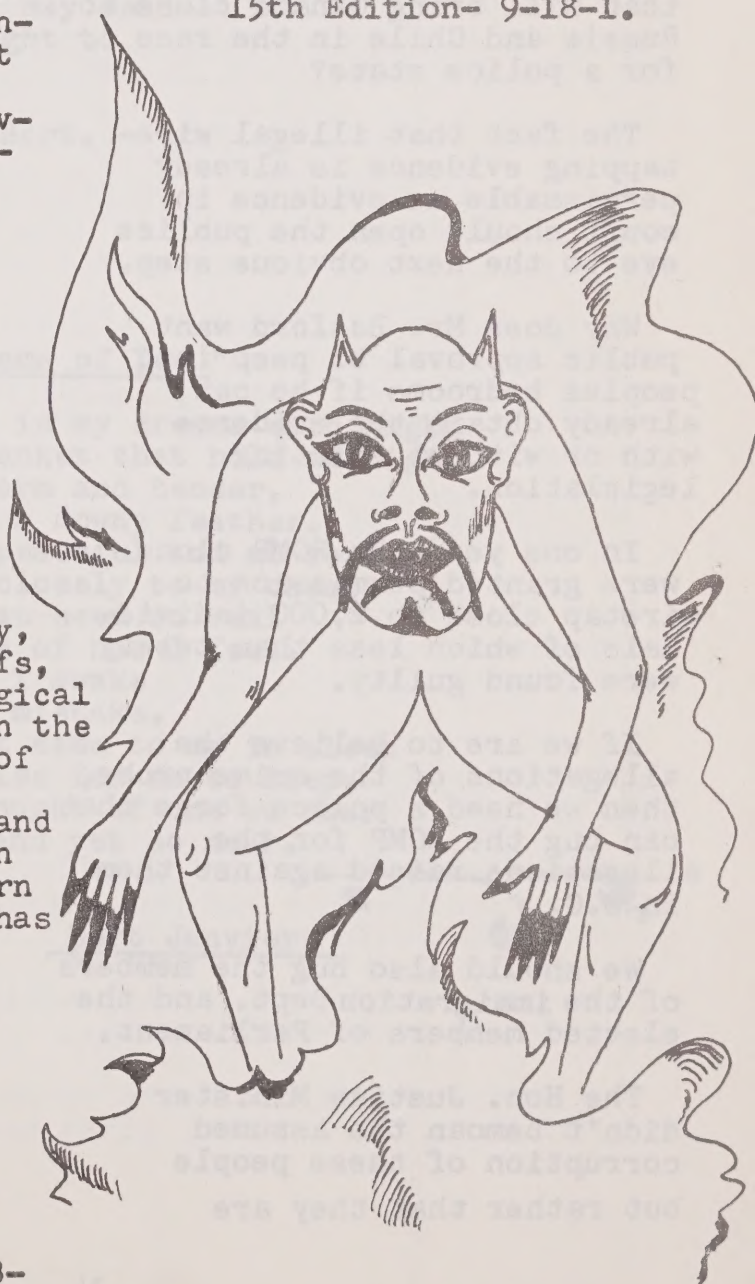
Though traditional beliefs in Angels and Demons have been questioned among those cultures affected by science and theology, reinterpretations of such beliefs, under the influence of psychological studies and the study of myth in the history of religions have been of significance to theological reflection. By viewing Angels and Demons functionally, rather than in terms of their natures, modern man is now discovering that he has a greater kinship than he has generally realized with men of previous or different cultures.

Man has always attempted to gain an advantageous rapport with the transcendent social, and psychological realms that he faces in everyday life. Satan and all such other demonic powers have been a part of man's history and mythology since the beginning of time.

Edna Jansen.

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BEWARE by Nancy Ward-Armour

"THE NORTHERN CONNECTION" (proud member of the
Viking Mafia.)

The justice minister looked as happy as Kojak with a new all day sucker after the CBC presented it's Crime Probe show.

Is it coincidence that this three hour spectacle designed to instill fear of the mob into the hearts of citizens was showed at the exact time Mr. Basford is attempting to pass wire-tapping legislation that will bring Canada close to Russia and Chile in the race for a police state?

The fact that illegal wire-tapping evidence is already permissable as evidence in court should open the publics eye to the next obvious step.

Why does Mr. Basford want public approval to peep into peoples bedrooms if he can already obtain the evidence with or without existing legislation.

In one year the RCMP alone were granted permission to wiretap close to 2,000 individuals of which less than twenty were found guilty.

If we are to believe the allegations of the crime probe, then we need a police force that can bug the RCMP for the allegations raised against them in B.C.

We should also bug the members of the immigration Dept. and the elected members of Parliament.

The Hon. Justice Minister didn't bemoan the assumed corruption of these people but rather that they are

so naive as to be led down garden path by what the CBC refers to as Canadas Mafia and organized crime members.

Maybe the CBC could be set up as a seperate police agency to police the police and our members of parliament. They would have us believe they are capable of the job.

The three hour special concentrating on ice cream parlours and other shady hangouts had little more than insinuations dressed up with the occasional body some thugs in Montreal dumped in their gang wars. Are we to believe that scruffy hoods are in the same class as the mafia? No self-respecting Italian would be filmed in bike-gang attire, at least not without hand sewn patent leather shoes.

Every cultural group has it's criminals. The Italians and the Chinese are always being held up as a scare tactic to Western civilization as the epitome of organized crime.

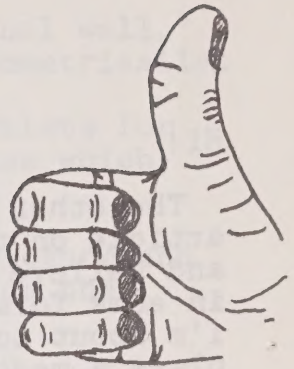
One need only have an Italian name to be called Mafia if we believe the CBC.

Christ I feel left out, do none of you know of the threat we Vikings pose? Have you forgotten so easily, blatant pillaging, kidnapping and scare tactics my race are renowned for?

I must wear a mustache the next time I go for an ice cream cone and remember not to attend any Norwegian Funerals. I had better inform my family...oops freudian slip;there...to stay indoors this summer, Basford may bug the Midnight Sun.

Don't Give Up!

When the goin' is rough, and it's all up hill
When you've made a slip, or you've had a spill
When the sun won't shine, and the rain won't quit
And your cares are pressing you down a bit
When your doin your best, and its not enough
And you wish you were made of more rugged stuff
Don't give up! Cause you know they say
What the day may bring — It may take away
And besides you have oodles of friends
Who think of you warmly and frequently
Friends you can count on — friends who care
Whether your skies are cloudy or fair
Friends who are hoping — Each day the year through
Turns out to be happy, and lucky for you
So keep this in mind, when the shadows appear
Shake off your worries, the skies will clear
And remember whatever the futer may send
There's someone who's with you right to
THE END.

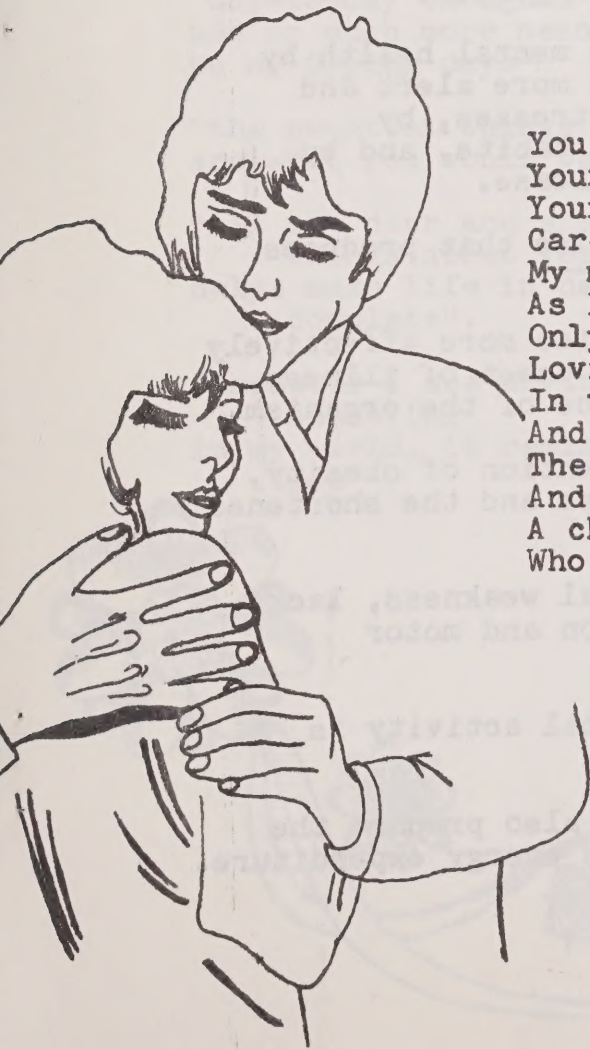


submitted -Mrs. A. Hart.

" Dreams of You "

You come to me in my dreams each night
Your arms a blanket that hold me tight.
Your lips so warm and tender,
Caress me like a downy feather.
My mind is so peaceful and at rest
As I hold you closely to my chest.
Only dreams that seem so real
Loving thoughts of how I feel.
In the morning I awake
And realize my mistake.
The dreams that came to me in sleep
And only memories for me to keep,
A cherished thought of one so dear
Who is so far and yet so near.

Bert Janvier.





FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Terri Leclaire

Hi!

The other day when I was reading the newspaper I came across an article on physical fitness. I am very keen on physical fitness and believe firmly that when an individual participates regularly in some form of exercise they can't help but feel good. The article i'm about to present says it all, and leaves no doubt that exercise plays a major role in our lives!

EXERCISE HELPS MENTAL FITNESS

To obtain maximum benefits from exercise, it is necessary to know what can and what cannot be achieved by using it properly.

Both the healthy and the ailing person can be aided by applying the basic principles evolved from careful scientific studies carried out by many researchers in many countries.

What can one really expect exercise to accomplish?

Exercise develops and maintains a desirable level of fitness and health. Total health results from a balance of the mental, physical, social, and emotional components of the human organism.

There is some evidence that exercise adds to mental health by promoting a sense of well-being, by making one more alert and better able to withstand physical and mental stresses, by promoting better relaxation, rest and sleeping habits, and by serving as a therapeutic tool for emotional release.

Physical health is achieved by regular exercise that produces a strong and durable body.

This enables the individual to meet emergencies more effectively shortens the period of convalescence after the onset of illness, and promotes more efficient internal maintenance of the organism.

In addition exercise is a factor in the prevention of obesity, decreasing the incidence of degenerative disease and the shortened life span associated with it.

Exercises reduces stiffness, fatigue, physical weakness, lack of co-ordination and improves sensory perception and motor responses in daily work or play.

From early childhood through adulthood physical activity is essential in preventing obesity.

The exercises used to fight chronic fatigue, also prepare the individual to complete any given task with less energy expenditure.

Regular exercise prevents the weakening of the abdominal wall, helps ensure good posture, and distribute the weight symmetrically.

Exercise relieves tension and fatigue by providing outlets for feelings of hostility and aggression, and relieves stress which is the basic cause of psychosomatic disorders.

Exercise is of fundamental importance nursing convalescence and for rehabilitation. It shortens recovery time, and leads the patient to more rapid recuperation.

There! Now didn't that information leave you with a little food for thought? Opps, pardon the pun - but in any case don't bite off anymore than whats necessarily good for "your" body and if you do, remember, participation is where it's at!

TENDER THOUGHTS TO SOMEONE DEAR

by Terri Leclaire

Do you have thoughts of someone who you dearly admire and adore - I do. There isn't a day that goes by that my heart and mind isn't in constant pursuit of that one guy who is so near yet so far. All I can do is admire this person from a distance, so in order to compensate I wish to dedicate some "tender thoughts".

"day-to-day thoughts of you
add so much more meaning
to my trying days"

"the sweetest things I know
are what you would be"

"All the dear and special
things about you
helps make life in here more
complete".

"Whenever I see anything
beautiful
in my world, it reminds me of
you"

"They say life's joys are many
but none could compare
with those you've given me"
(e.g.) your smile, your
concern and most of all
the person you are.

"your smile of understanding
is all I need to lighten my
heart
and brighten my day"

"thoughts of you
keeps me believing in my
tomorrows".

"life changes all the time
but somehow you remain the same
in so many wonderful ways".

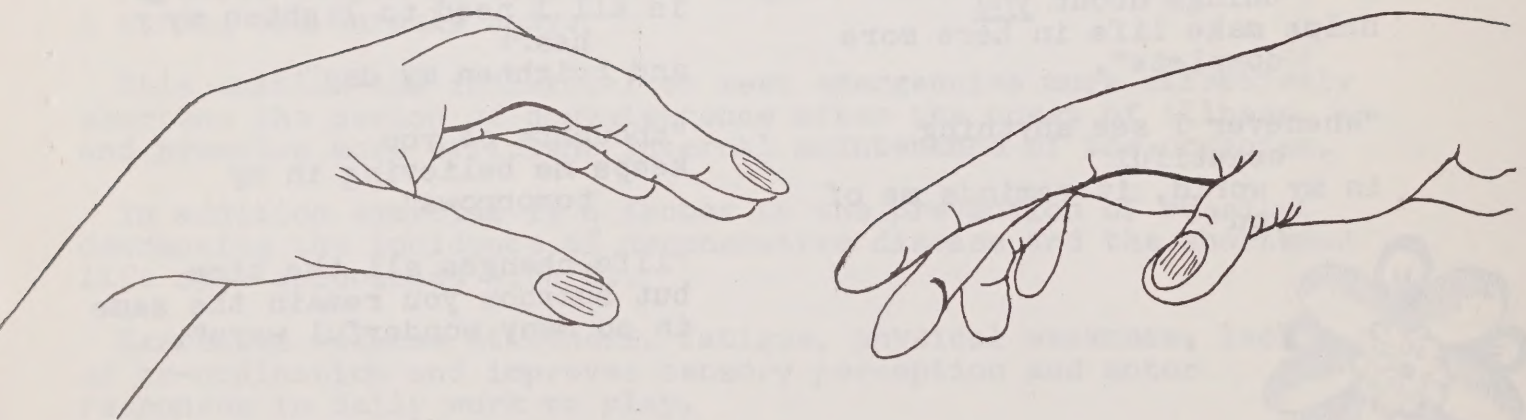


" PRECIOUS EARTH "

Look for the happy things of life,
if you desire peace.
The little ordinary things,
that makes your hopes increase.
Things like a gently glowing smile,
or sincere words of cheer.
A sunshine or the precious time,
when twinkling stars appear.
Seek out the good in people,
cast errors to the side.
And recognize the qualities,
that help you stem the tide.
Drink in the soul-deep pleasure,
Mother Nature gives it all.
A rock bound shore
a rippling waterfall.
Do not forget the value
of just a humble prayer,
An understanding faith in God,
offers a comfort rare.
Open your heart to children
they fill this life with bliss.
Who can deny the wonder,
of a babies tender kiss.

Russ Rickman

Lower Lake, California.



MOTHER

by Ted Houser

You've smiled at
My happiness
Been glad
When I've been glad
Felt the pain
When I've been hurt
And cried when I've been sad

You've made me well
When I've been sick
Nursed me from
Weak to strong
You've fixed my ego
When it broke
And taught me right from wrong

All these things
You've done from love
And asked
Naught in return
From these examples
You have set
I, too, have tried to learn

Life's much too short
To give you back
The things
You gave to me
But through my children
I will give
Them immortality

And may it bring
You happiness
To think
Of how and when
That through my life
And children's too
Your love will live again....



PATTY PEEK WRITES A LETTER HOME

by Nancy Ward-Armour

Patty Peek went into semi-retirement last fall. She escaped the clutches of Nicky Narco and his dastardly sleazy crew by assuming the disguise of Suzy Q Homemaker. In doing so she was also able to elude the overpowering forces of Peter Paranoia her arch-enemy. But Patty was soon to see her bubble burst when an unforeseen element, the NPS returned her to Madness Manor in beautiful downtown Kingston on the lake.

Patty searched all her faculties to find the villains reason for this sudden move in residence. It did not take her long to entangle the web.

"Dear Mom; I know the mail service is a little slow, but I wanted to thank you for your Christmas Card of 1959. Glad Santa left me the new Bobby-Sox and white Bucks, I wore my old pair out on my last escape attempt from these penquins oops sorry Mom sisters at St. Marys'. But by now my mail must have reached you and you should know I went to several other fine schools, The Mercer, The Vanier, and finally the creme de la creme itself, Kingston. Yes Mom I passed my grade eight, in fact several years ago I attended Queens University. I knew you would be relieved to see me with an academic hood for a change. No Mom, I know you went to see the Queen arrive that year, but I didn't say I too was a Monarchist, I believe at the time I was all hepped up on being an Anarchist, I didn't flunk out on my spelling test as you suggested. I'm sure the dress you made me for School Prom could still be altered to fit, however, they don't give you a diploma from here. I won't be dating that nasty little boy who was in training school with my brother any more. I divorced him and married twice since. I knew that would make you happy Mom. I have more good news to. You mentioned you hoped I'd make you a grandmother some day. Voila, your oldest grandson is 13, it wont be long till you can be a great-grandmother. Yes Mom I have a permanent position in life, I play left field on the prisons ball team. I never miss a season either, my parole officer is good enough to see to that. I know you don't write often mom, but it has been eighteen years, and what with the deteriorating mail system you should get an early start."

Luv, Patty Peek





ENTERTAINMENTS

by Penny Twitchin

Hello again,

As usual we have had our two months of scheduled entertainment, and I must say many thanks again to both entertainers and all those people kind enough to arrange the entertainment for us - A special thanks to Lucy Carr for her part in finding us great bands since she has been with us.

On the 29th May after sports day - and a bar-b-que in the garden, we were entertained to the sounds of the 'Common People' - a three man band from Kingston, playing old fifties and sixties music, kept the ladies dancing for the evening - with the extra company of the energetic group of young people from the "Free School".

1st June 'Zero Zero' - A group of progressive musicians, incorporating Blues - South American and Jazz music. This group of young men who receive a government grant for their work which is over a period of six months of the year, tour mostly round the provincial institutes of Ontario. They have a varied program, starting with a music workshop, explaining how their music is built up, the beat that is the basic of the composition etc. When working in the provincial institutes they give lessons in the craft of simple instrument construction i.e. wooden flutes. One member of the group is also involved in teaching ceramics. It is not often that they work in the penitentiaries, and while visiting us they did not have the time to cover their whole program.

However 'Zero Zero' who I am sure were much appreciated by the audience in here, put on an afternoon and evening performance. The music was beautiful, in the afternoon everyone had a chance to join the band, using the fascinating collection of instruments (mainly for a background effect) which had been collected from mostly African and South American musical cultures.

On the 13th June - St Lawrence College put on two plays for us here in the prison. Firstly "The Tiger" set in a basement flat late at night, the story continues with a rather frustrated man who has abducted a bored housewife. As the night passes she unravels his problems and they part good friends.

The second play "Box and Cox" was a theatrical comedy, well acted by the three gentlemen, though Mrs Bouncer was infact Mr. Palmer in reality. The setting was a boarding house, Mr. Box, and Mr. Cox, who shared the same room in Mrs. Bouncers house, without knowledge of this, as one worked in the day and one worked in the night, eventually met to find that their lives were running on rather more of a parallel than they realized. Many thanks to both actors and organisers, the list is to long to acknowledge each person. This performance was presented by special arrangements with Dramatists Play Service, New York.

21st June - Last but not least, The Henderson High School band, came in to give us a concert - I am sure it was appreciated by all. Hopefully the Henderson High School band enjoyed themselves too. Thanks to all.

SPORTS - CARYL RADCLIFFE

VOLLEYBALL - THE "B" LEAGUE TEAM PLAYED THEIR FINAL PLAY OFF GAMES ON JUNE 23rd AND LOST THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TO THE KINGSTON " WHY NOTS " IN A BEST OF A FIVE GAME SERIES.

OUR GIRLS HAD A GREAT YEAR AND CAME A LONG WAY TO THE FINALS AND ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED!!!!

SOFTBALL - THE " ANGELS " SOFTBALL TEAM HAS A HISTORY OF BEING PLAGUED BY INJURIES AND THIS SEASON HAS BEEN NO EXCEPTION. THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEASON OUR THIRD BASEMAN " FUDGIE " BROKE HER ANKLE AND LAST WEEK YOURS TRULY TORE HER LEG LIGAMENTS. CONSIDER ING THE FACT THAT INJURIES HAVE CAUSED THE TEAM TO HAVE TO DO SOME RE-SHUFFLING IN THE LINE-UP THEY ARE DOING QUITE WELL, THEY ARE TWO FOR TWO IN GAMES PLAYED.

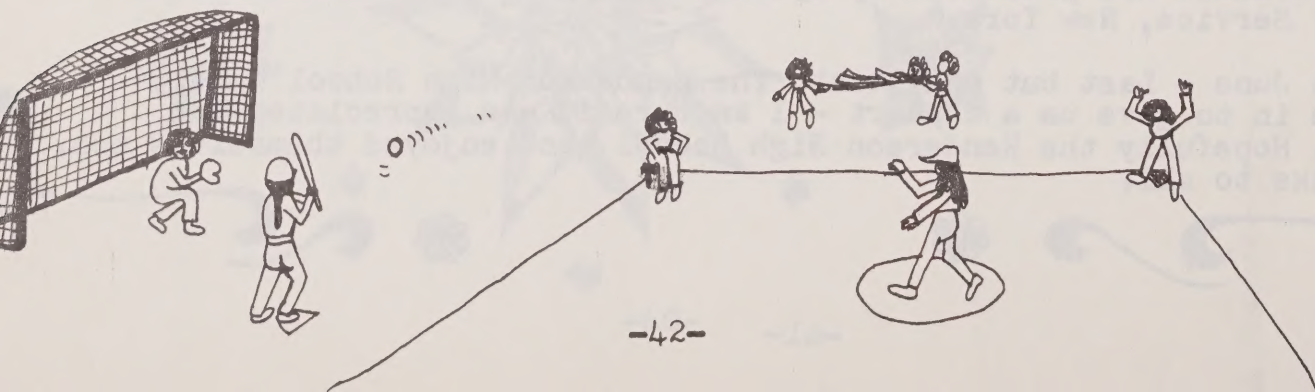
BY THE WAY WE WILL BE LOOSING OUR FIRST BASEMAN PAT C. AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

SHE SHALL BE MISSED ON THE TEAM AS FEW CAN MATCH HER STYLE OF PLAY YOU'LL BE MISSED PAT. GOOD LUCK FROM THE ANGELS!!!!

YOGA - YOGA CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE IN THE GYM FROM 3-4 P.M. WEEK DAYS AND FROM 3-4 P.M. OUTSIDE ON WEEK-ENDS.

GYMNASTICS - GYMNASTICS WILL BE HELD IN THE GYM FROM 8-10 P.M. ANYONE INTERESTED ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT AND JOIN.

THE RECREATION DEPT. HAS AN ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBER, IAN LYLE. IAN CAME HERE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS TO COACH THE BASKETBALL TEAM, AND HAS DONE A TERRIFIC JOB WITH THE VOLLEYBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS.



VOLLEYBALL/77

On coming to work at KP4W I had the pleasure to be involved with two volleyball teams involved in two distinct leagues and working closely to play-off time. As we practised the teams showed their strengths of unity and skill. The A league was faced with a sudden death game against, instructors, a team of veteran school teachers from, Kingston area. Eager as ever, I started practice(?) at six on the nose. The aimable referee appeared at the door at 6:30 and we had won the game by default by 6:45. Needless, to say Pat, Diane, Barb, Judy (pie) and everyone else suggested a practice, which I aptly produced and after two hours of heavy volley-balling the other team appeared at the door ready to settle the score. I looked to Pat, Pat looked to Shirley, and the game was on ----- the A's played fantastic. Like a fresh fire they swept the old girls off the court winning 3 of 5 and a sure place into the playoffs. We thought!!!!!! But on phoning the conveyer of the league, I learned we were a sixth place finisher one single-thin point out of the play-offs, and in doing so we had dropped the instructors from the playoffs also. A fine last effort, fiasco. The " B " team was a different story altogether. Here we thought we were right out of it and it turns out due to bys and defaults we were a first place finish. In the semi-final game we blew past the Fabulous-Falcons in 3 of 5 to advance to the Kingston Championship Finals. The team practised hard serves, and sets, bumps and rotations. And the day of the final they were all set. In uniform, with the freshie at it's finest, the team took on the seasoned veterans of volleyball. The Ynots from the Y.W.C.A. and the old girls did fairly well smashing the Angels in the premier match 15-4, The Angels seemed a little worried, but once Rita's serves started to click, and shirley took a few bounders from the back row, Marge, Edna, and lorraine were able to pull the rest. The Angels swept through the next two games and it was down to the wire. With the last game the deciding factor everyone was set. Donna with her serve just touching the back line, and Nancy punching those close net-balls it was 8-7 at the half. We changed courts, and I figured it was in the old bag ----- but it was not meant to be. When the smoked cleared it was a 15-12 loss. Tim Horton's donuts and see you next season. Great volleyball but it was just to short..... As a reminder there will be volleyball in the evening in the gymnasium for everyone and if there's enough players we'll start our own league!!!!

Ian Lyle: Recreation.



MS SOLVIDOLL

by Terri Leclaire

Hi there,
and how is everyone this month? I see I have some more crucial letters here that need answering, so without further adue I shall procede.

Dear Ms Solvidoll,
Where I am boarding I get one small bar of soap a month. Should I use it all at once or save it and have two baths next month?
By myself and?

Dear Bymyself,
Good heavens you do have a problem - pray tell where is this place that you are boarding? It wouldn't be a place run by the government would it?
In answer to your problem as to whether you should use all your soap all at once or have two baths next month, may I suggest you find out first if your water bill has even been paid, if so may I suggest you bathe with a pal - she could lather while you snap at the bubbles!

Ms Solvidoll

Dear Ms Solvidoll,
Have you ever walked down the Valley of Shadow of Death? Well I walk down a dark tunnel everyday waiting for the door to open. To my dissappointment it's always closed. We are understaffed and thats a laugh, because there's more keep than non-keep.
What should I do?

"No Tan"

Dear "No Tan",
The valley of Shadow of Death huh - where are you - God's country? No I've never set foot in the place and by the sounds of it I wouldn't want to either!
Now lets see you can't get the door open - have you ever tried these words "open sesamie"? a few thousand years back, those very words opened the side of a mountain for some robber up in the high country. Your position in life sounds similar, and if it worked for him who knows what the results would be for you. If that doesn't work, may I suggest you find a window where the sun filters through and tan your body piece by piece - you know, left leg one day, right leg next day and so on.

Ms Solvidoll

Dear Ms Solvidoll,
I have a medical problem, but the only doctor I can see hasn't seen the inside of a medical book in fifty years - he's only twenty-nine. What shall I do?

The only Muskateer left
(other's died, cause unknown)

Dear Muskateer,
You say this doctor hasn't seen a medical book in fifty years and he is now twenty-nine. Hey, get a grip on yourself, your right you

do have a problem and will remain having one if this guy isn't exposed. I mean it sounds to me like he's probably not even a doctor. Tell me, does he report to work in a hard hat and heavy work boots - he does? Well there's your answer, he's a perverted construction worker!

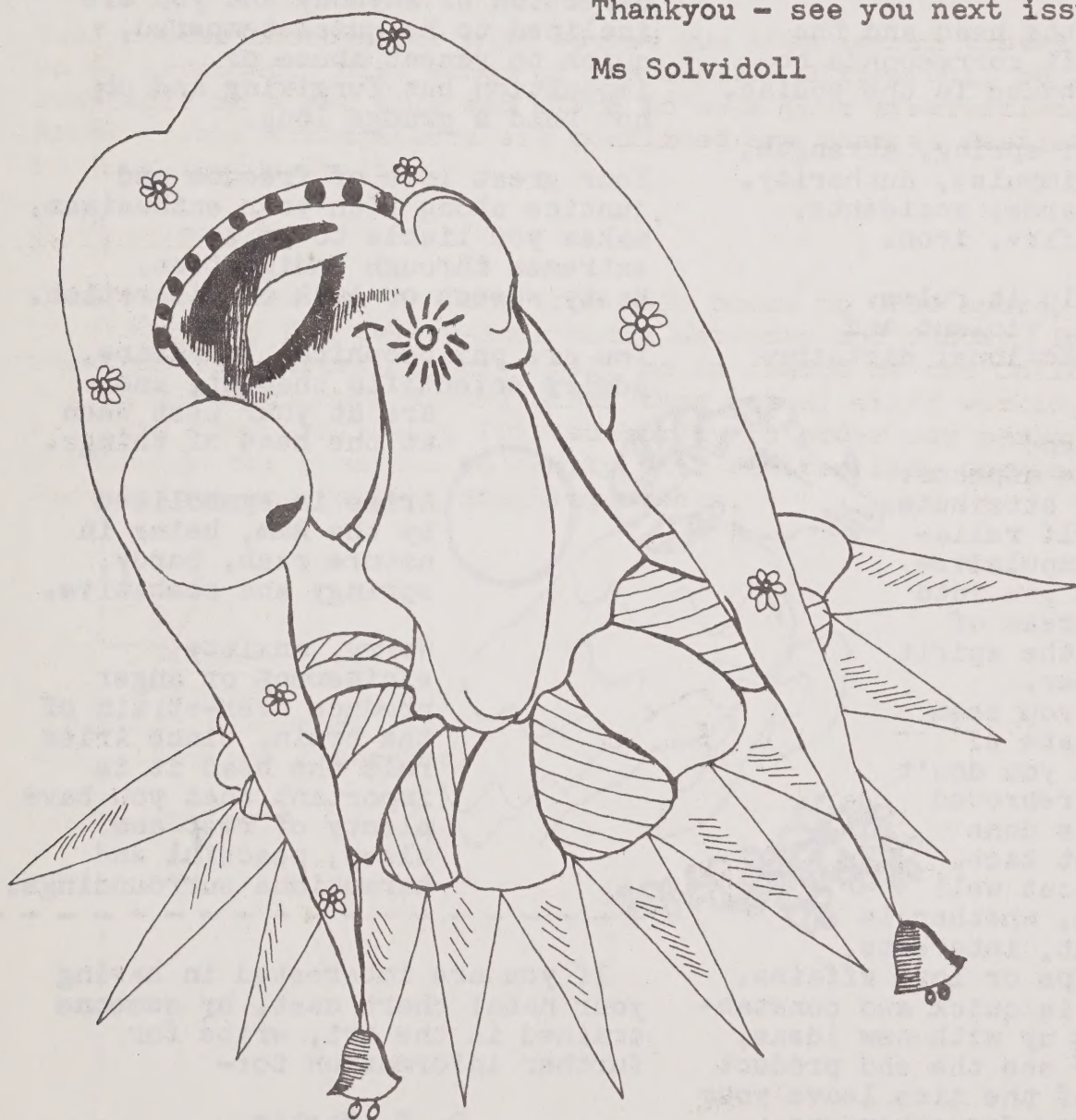
May I suggest that you ask to see the vet - who knows you may get lucky yet - before its too late - as in the case of your friend.

Ms Solvidoll

Guess that wraps it up for this issue - in closing may I remind you I am running out of problems to solve. If you have anything bothering you and you need advice as a means to an end please write Ms Solvidoll (apartment 2 Upper A Penthouse)

Thankyou - see you next issue

Ms Solvidoll



TIGHTWIRE ASTROLOGY

by D. F. Martin

ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Ruler: Mars

Attributes: Masculine,
positive, active
violent, cardinal,
of fire.

Governs: the head and the
face, and it corresponds to
the first house in the zodiac.

Symbolizes: spring, strength,
violence, impulse, authority,
virility, arms, accidents,
danger by fire, iron.

In the world it rules:
Initiative, violent and
arbitrary actions: dictator-
ship.

Favorable and
unfavorable aspects:
Your major attributes
-energy self relia-
nce, and impulsive-
ness- lead you into
exciting areas of
life with the spirit
of a pioneer.
Sometimes you seem
inconsiderate of
others-and you don't
like to be reproved
unless it's done
with utmost tact.
You carry out well
in changes, whether in
environment, interests,
friend-ships or love affairs.
Your mind is quick and constan-
tly coming up with new ideas,
but rarely see the end product
and most of the time leave your
inspirations for others to
carry out. You can be very
courageous in times of emergency.
You have initiative, ambition
and self-confidence, and a desire
to be in command.

You have independant ways and are
generous with people.
You are very adventurous and are
likely to get in trouble if you
don't control impulses, precipitate
judgements, and your lack of
perseverance.

You do not like to be under the
direction of anybody and you are
inclined to be quick-tempered,
quick to resent abuse or
imposition but forgiving and do
not hold a grudge long.

Your great love of freedom and
justice along with your enthusiasm,
makes you liable to go to
extremes through indignation,
hasty speech or lack of discretion.

You are philosophical by nature,
admire scientific thought, and
are at your best when
at the head of things.

Aries is symbolized
by the Ram, being in
nature rash, hardy,
springy and combative.

Worry, anxiety,
excitement or anger
produce over-strain of
the brain, since Aries
rule the head it is
important that you have
plenty of rest and
sleep, peaceful and
harmonious surroundings.

If you are interested in having
your natal chart cast, by someone
trained in the art, write for
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